



HOME GROUP TIMELINE

1. Start Welcoming

Welcome each guest into your home by greeting them at the door. Just like we do on Sunday, we want to make sure all our member's questions are answered before they even have to ask. Example: Where to park, where the bathroom is, where to put their food contributions, where to put their jacket etc. Remember, most people feel super anxious arriving somewhere for the first time with people they do not know. Our goal is to make them feel right at home.

2. Food | Conversation

Pray quickly over the food and allow everyone to begin eating. Typically, we would give about 20-30 minutes to eat, talk, etc. To be sure you end on time, set a timer on your phone so you know not to go over and have enough time for discussion. During the time you eat together, you will begin to have open eyes by connecting members, having conversations to get to know each other, and making sure everyone feels comfortable and included.

- A) **How do we connect members?** Find people with similar interests. Sports, children the same age, live in the same area, have similar testimonies. Keep your eyes open to who your members are and be aggressive with introducing others together.

3. Childcare

If you have childcare in your group, this is a good time to make sure that the children are where they need to be in order to limit interruptions/distractions.

4. Bible Study | Discussion Time

At this point, you can grab your study materials and sit where the group will be most comfortable. Follow the directions for the weekly study, which are listed in the study book.

Before you begin, go over the [Home Group Code of Conduct](#). The code of conduct will allow you to set the expectations for the group to guide everyone to stay on task.

Set a timer for the remainder of the group leaving 10 minutes for prayer at the end. This way, your group will stay consistent on time. It will be important to end the group each week at the same time to be respectful of everyone's schedule.

STUDY BOOK - Your study book will include 6 weeks of content along with a personal study for you and your members to do on your own throughout the week. Remember, this is an option for your members and they are not forced to do the at-home study guide. However, the more you put into the study, the more you will get out of the study.

WELCOME- A short opening note about the topic of the session for you to read on your own before you meet as a group.

CONNECT: A few icebreaker questions to get you and your group members thinking about the topic and interacting with each other.

WATCH: An outline of the key points covered in each video teaching along with space for you to take notes as you watch each video.

DISCUSS: Questions to help you and your group reflect on the teaching material presented and apply it to your lives.

RESPOND: A short personal exercise to help reinforce the key ideas.

5. Praying/Dismissal

Leave about 10 min at the end of the group to pray together. Ask if anyone needs specific prayer, while still keeping everyone feeling comfortable. We know that praying in group settings can be overwhelming, but just allow God to work through you!

Here are some examples of things to pray about... Also, the book has space to take requests and write them down so you can pray during the week in your own prayer time.

- a. Pray for those specific situations that the group members were bold in sharing about and pray that God will change that circumstance for them.
- b. Pray specifically for anything that people ask.
- c. Pray over the week ahead.
- d. Pray over the mission of JRNY Church.