* Thank you for a great year! Thanks for sticking with it!

Together With

* What is a Zone Pastor?
  + How to think about this new role.
    - I’m a part of your Connect Group

The Beginning…

* Connect Group Preliminaries
  + Walking in… Food ready, Room tidy, and Music playing
  + Fellowship time – at least 15 minutes
    - Try to give a 2 minute warning before you call everyone together
  + Goals and Guidelines – Important!
    - What gets repeated - Builds Culture
  + Ice Breaker – Start with you and go around the circle. Avoid jumping around the circle!
    - Start saying your name before you answer the Icebreaker
    - Have a quick Pace! Get us talking but don’t let us spend too much time here!!
    - Keep it light and fun
  + Agreement Prayer – 3 things we can agree on! Keep it very basic & AGREEABLE
    - “I AGREE”
    - “Now that we are in agreement, Let’s pray…” Simple and Short
  + Praise – Coming soon. For now skip this.
  + Edification – Reading Scripture
    - Ask for volunteers to read tonight’s scriptures
    - Scripture Read print outs!

…And the Ending

* {Internal} Q- Many times we will end with a question we don’t want people to answer out loud.
  + Give space to the silence.
  + When it feels right… Lead your Connect Group in prayer over the subject at hand and for the people in the group.
    - This Prayer also should feel like we are finishing!
    - Shouldn’t be long winded.
* Vision – This seals the deal!
  + “Our Vision for this week…” - We want people to be coming back to the discussion, what they learned, what they promised God… during the week
  + “Thank you all for coming… We have some more refreshments help yourself…” This meeting is over now and people should feel free to hang out for a COMFORTABLE amount of time.

Things to avoid.

Avoid the Word “Lesson” or “Bible study.” Use Discussion instead.

Avoid always meeting in the same house. Try moving from House to House.

Avoid lengthy prayer request sessions.

1 Cor 3:9

we are laborers **together with** God

Things to do.

Use Your Intern, in the meeting & outside the meeting.

Use verbal and non verbal cues to move the discussion along.

Remember it’s about the 3 Goals!

TALK TO ME! TALK TO EACHOTHER!