**Community Groups**

**Leader Overview**

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**Why IS this Group so Important?**

Despite technology improving communication, true connection is rarer than ever. Everyone is craving true and meaningful relationships. Community Group provides a life-changing community that fosters these relationships both with God and with one another. As we engage with the Bible, in prayer, and with one another, we see God doing amazing things both in us and through us.

**How Often does this Group Meet?**

**Recommended Rhythms**

- **Meet Weekly**: Community Groups meet weekly to hang out, discuss God’s Word, and pray together.
- **Party Monthly**: Community Groups choose one week of the month and have a Hangout Night as a strategic way to build relationships and invite new people.
- **Serve Quarterly**: Community Groups find creative and strategic ways to serve their community throughout the year.

**Why Start A Community Group?**

Think about the friends that you have in your life. How many of them would benefit from a group like the one mentioned above? How easy would it be to be more intentional in the relationships you have and begin to gather to have fun and discuss the Bible together? This simple step of intentionality can help your friends find the life-changing community they are seeking.

**Who Can Help You?**

Leading a Community Group with your friends is always more fun! We encourage Community Group Leaders to invite a few of their friends to help them launch the group and share responsibilities. Here are a few options:

- **Facilitator**: Ask a friend to share the responsibility of leading the group discussion.
- **Host**: Have a friend open their home for the group.
- **Coordinator**: Let a friend organize and communicate with the group about any details.
- **Hangout Leader**: Ask a friend to lead the monthly Hangout Night for the group.

**How Do I Get Started?**

1. **Let Our Staff Know**: We want to partner with you and your group! The resources we provide and our staff will help take the intimidation out of leading a group.

2. **Gather Some Friends**: Who in your life would benefit from a group like this? Ask them to start the group with you!

3. **Grab a Launch Kit**: We will give you a special kit with several helpful tools to make your first month of Community Group exceptional!

**Get Started At CBCAMES.ORG/GROUPS**
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• Commit to the five weekly disciplines.

• Contribute to a group atmosphere of confidentiality, honesty, and transparency.

• Pray weekly for fellow Core Group members and those in your life who don’t know Jesus.

• Pray and look for those in your life who you could invite into your new Core Group once this current group multiplies.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

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WHEN WILL WE MEET?

- START DATE:_______ /_______ /_______

- LOCATION: ______________________

- WEEKLY MEETING:
  ________________ AT _____:_____ AM
  (Day of Week)
  _____:_____ PM