



PREPARING FOR YOUR FIRST GROUP GATHERING

The goal of your first small group gathering is to help people feel comfortable and welcome in your home or meeting space. You don't have to have a seven-layer cake or an immaculate home. There may be some toddler toys out or a couple cups in the sink. That's ok. People expect your home to look like someone lives there. Here are a few tips to consider.

- Make sure you have enough seats for your group to sit in a circular type shape.
- Prepare coffee and a snack for the group. During the first meeting, consider passing around a snack sign up for the remaining 5 weeks of discussion. It's a good idea to have one salty snack and one sweet snack each week.
- Pray for your group members and for your time together. Also pray and ask that God would give you wisdom to lead your group well each night.
- Review weekly the Discussion Starter Video and small group notes. Be prepared, but don't over prepare. It's your role to facilitate discussion, so don't feel the pressure to provide the answers to the discussion questions! We'll let Chad and Robert handle the teaching. As Hosts, we'll handle building relationships in our small groups.