

Small Group Facilitators

Your role as group facilitator is important. Thank you for agreeing to help in this capacity. The purpose of the small group is to build disciples, which begins by growing in knowledge and understanding of the Bible. As we grow in faith, our life begins to imitate Jesus. Besides growing in faith and our faith walk, we also grow in relationship with other Christ followers. May your small group time be a blessed time for all of you!

Before your meeting:

- Before you first group meeting inform your group members of the time and place of the first meeting. Groups can meet in homes, at church, a coffee shop or wherever your group would desire. You will have to make that decision for the first meeting.
- Please contact your group members as to the time and place your first meeting will occur. Thank them for becoming a part of a Pause Group. If a person has difficulty meeting when your group meeting is planned, please let Pastor Pam know, and we will find a group that fits their needs.
- Be a good listener – some people may be anxious as they have not been in a small group before.
- Pray for your group before you have your first meeting.

At your meeting:

- Start the meeting promptly at the scheduled time and end it on time. Some chapters are longer than others, so you may choose to only discuss a portion or one section of the discussion questions in order to stay on time.
- It is your job to keep the conversation moving as you feel is necessary, or to stay on a point longer than you originally planned if the discussion is going well. You determine the movement of the meeting.
- Discuss with your group where to meet, and if snacks are desired. Snacks could be shared by all group members if desired. You may want to have a sign-up sheet for snacks, or determine week to week.
- Have people introduce themselves – name, perhaps what worship service they attend, and what they like to do in your spare time.
- Each week check in with your small group members to see if there are joys to celebrate or concerns for the group to remember in prayer and to support the group member through.
- Close the meeting with prayer.
- Feel free to contact Pastor Pam with your small group needs.

