



Leading a Healthy Small Group

Small groups follow the biblical model in Acts 2. The early church committed themselves to study, teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer. And they gave to one another as they had need. Because of this commitment to one another, they added to their numbers daily. It's clear as you read Acts 2 that God blesses us when we meet together, fellowship together, study together—do life together.

Here are 5 principles to help you lead a healthy group:

1. Partner up with one another. Encourage group members to partner up for prayer and group activities.
2. Cultivate your spiritual journey. Get into God's Word like you've never done before, because this is how you'll grow and be able to encourage your small group members in their journeys.
3. Discover your gifts together. Help your group discover their unique God-given gifts. Celebrate each other's gifts.
4. Coach your group to shepherd one another. All of us are called to disciple—or shepherd—one another. Help your group members see this as our job description as Christians. All of us are called to one day share the journey with someone we are shepherding.
5. Celebrate your lives together. The big idea here is to gather people and celebrate life together. Don't miss birthdays, anniversaries, or life-changing events.