



# STARTING WELL IN YOUR SMALL GROUP

Check out other helpful tools for small group leaders at  
[riverpointchurch.com/#/small-groups/leader-resources](http://riverpointchurch.com/#/small-groups/leader-resources)

There's no formula that guarantees a successful group, but here are some tips for the first three months so you can start well.

#### First Meeting:

- Make sure everyone knows what day you're meeting, what time, and where.
- Take a few minutes prior to the arrival of your group members to pray for the evening.
- Play some games that will help people have fun and get to know each other.
- Ask someone in your group to collect and share everyone's contact info, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.
- Take some time at the end of the meeting to tell the group what excites you about where the group is headed and use Week 1 of Group Starters located on the leader resource page.

#### First Month:

- Check out the leader resource page for helpful information about leading your group.
- Use Group Starters for your first five meetings, which are located on the leader resource page.
- Start talking about your next study after three or four meetings.
- Consistently pray for your group members by name.

#### Second Month:

- Complete the Small Group Agreement together, which is located on the leader resource page.
- Order your next study (unless you'll use the Sermon Discussion Guide).
- Plan a fun activity together (i.e. dinner, bowling, etc.)
- The most important thing you can do as a leader is to stay connected to God through regular, personal quiet times.

#### Third Month:

- Set up your first service opportunity.
- Let someone else lead the discussion at a meeting.
- Have someone wiser to pour into you on a consistent basis.