

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE & HOW

WHO: Look for friends and acquaintances, people of peace, in all your spheres of influence who *like you*, are *willing to listen to you*, and *want to be around you*. Start with a list of 8-15 people.

WHAT: You'll want to do a few simple things; eat together, read/study together, discuss, and pray together. We have provided an extensive list of over 70 resources you can find at Amazon.com. Just remember, *it's more important to gather around community than a resource*.

WHEN: Choose a day of the week and a time that works for you. You won't be able to accommodate everyone, so be prepared for that. Start with what *you* can do and invite people into it. You can always make changes as you go.

WHERE: We've called them HOME Groups for a reason. A house is a warm, intimate and personal space. While you can use a coffee shop or restaurant if it's convenient, we think something special happens in the home.

HOW: Start with prayer. Ask for God's heart and help. Write a list of who you will invite. Choose a day and a time. Choose a resource to use. Decide how you will handle childcare. Set a start date. Begin inviting. Open your HOME.

HOME Groups

Everything we have belongs to Jesus--including our homes! And it's time to leverage our houses for Kingdom breakthrough and expansion.

HOME Groups are:
Houses
On
Mission
everywhere.

Our hope is that through using our homes as gathering spaces we can do a few things:

1. Gather in community
2. Encourage the people of God
3. Target friends outside of the faith
4. Spread the influence of the Kingdom everywhere.



WORD & WORSHIP

1. **Church Reading Plan:** Practice reading God's Word together on a daily basis. When you gather, share with one another what has been grabbing your attention the most from the week's reading.
2. **Covenant & Kingdom:** Mike Breen reveals the two themes woven throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Learn to understand the Bible through the lenses of covenant and kingdom.
3. **Spirit-Filled Life Study (14):** Jack Hayford has 14 studies on different books of the Bible and important topics. We'd highly recommend *Acts: Kingdom Power & Hebrews: Beyond the Veil*.
4. **New Inductive Study Series (31):** Kay Arthur does a wonderful job teaching you to glean all you can get from God's word with the inductive Bible study method. We'd suggest *The Holy Spirit Unleashed in You: Acts & Free from Bondage God's Way: Galatians/Ephesians*. Over 30 options!
5. **Sacred Pathways:** Gary Thomas looks at nine ways we each uniquely connect with God. Learn yours to enhance your connection and intimacy with Jesus.
6. **Great Lives from God's Word (9):** Charles Swindoll introduces us to 9 individuals from the Bible, weaving the Word, stories and context together. We'd propose *Paul: A Man of Grace & Grit* or *Esther: A Woman of Strength & Dignity*.

COMMUNITY & RELATIONSHIP

- A. **Keep Your Love On:** Danny Silk's flagship book on relationships can help you grow to handle all relationship-life can throw at you. If you don't know where to start- look no further!
- B. **Loving Our Kids On Purpose:** Danny Silk provides biblical and applicable help at home. Learn to be in control of you and to teach your children to be in control of themselves.
- C. **Love & Respect:** Emerson Eggerich helps you understand the different ways men and women communicate. Based on Ephesians 5:33, he shows the often-missing power of love and respect in the marriage relationship.
- D. **The Resolution for Men** or **The Resolution for Women:** These two resources, written in partnership with the writers of the movie, *Courageous*, will help challenge men and women to embrace and thrive in God's call for them.
- E. **The Bait of Satan:** John Beveré exposes one of the most deceptive snares Satan uses to get believers out of the will of God-- offense. Learn to find freedom from past and current hurts.
- F. **Honor's Reward:** John Beveré teaches you how to attract God's favor and blessing through a life of honor. Learn to be an agent of grace and blessing to those around you.

DISCIPLESHIP & MISSION

- **Family on Mission:** Mike & Sally Breen share their experiences living as a family on mission. Learn practical and biblical ways to pattern your extended spiritual family around Jesus' way of life.
- **Tangible Kingdom Primer/ The Gospel Primer/ The Barefoot Church Primer:** The folks at Missio help home groups live as everyday missionaries. Each primer addresses different aspects of missional living. Gain knowledge, know-how and learn how to practice the stuff together.
- **The Permanent Revolution Playbook:** Alan Hirsch leads groups to learn and discover their unique role as an everyday missionary. Exploring Ephesians 4, you will learn how to operate as an apostle, prophet, evangelist, shepherd, or teacher.
- **Multiply:** Francis Chan provides a simple framework for discipling a few people around you and empowering them to multiply their lives into others.
- **Discipleship Essentials:** In a thorough 25-week format, Greg Ogden helps you dig deep into the essentials of discipleship. Designed specifically for groups of threes or fours, you will grow in knowledge and application through this intensive study.
- **Questions of Life:** In this key resource from the Alpha kit, Nicky Gumbel walks you through the basics of Christianity. Great for new and young believers!