

GROUP MEETING TEMPLATE

Session 3-4

Group Purpose

The group attending the Learning Hub exists to work together on embedding the ministry of evangelism into the life of your church(es). It does this by:

- Modelling together the practices at the heart of the Hub.
- Praying for the ministry of evangelism.
- Reflecting on each of the gathered sessions and identifying an action plan.
- Reviewing the plan and making changes along the way.

Possible Meeting Pattern (Onsite or Online)

Here is a suggested outline for a 75 minute meeting. You can add other elements and adjust the timings, but do be sure to spend time on the practices to ensure you are living out what you are encouraging others to do.

DWELL IN THE WORD (15 MINS)

Take the passage for this term and the process outlined in the workbook to listen to what God is saying through his Word.

PRAY FOR FIVE AND PRACTICE FAITH CONVERSATIONS (15 MINS)

Share with one another how your praying for five is going. Tell any stories of what God has been doing. Using the guide in workbook 2, take time to practice conversations about faith as a way of encouraging and equipping one another. A simple framework is:

- What opportunities have you had?
- How did they go?
- What can we learn from this opportunity for a similar occasion in the future?



REVIEW / REVISE YOUR ACTION PLAN (30 MINS)

Remember the three common errors when making an action plan:

- 1. Trying to do too much too quickly.
- 2. Not being clear enough about what you are planning to do (what you are going to do, who is going to do them, when they are to be done by).
- Running ahead of the process (later sessions will cover how to shape an evangelistic culture, creating a plan for evangelism, equipping congregation members to share their faith).

Questions to explore:

- How clear are your plans?
- What progress have you made?
- What needs adjusting in the light of the latest session?
- What are your next steps?

PRAY (10 MINS)

- Pray for five, your plan and the ministry of evangelism in your church(es).
- Check the Prayer Padlet board (link on the Google classroom) for the church(es) you are praying for and pray for them.
- Add your prayer requests to the Padlet board so others can be prying for you in the Hub.

In Addition

Here are three further things you could discuss to help one another in your sharing of faith.

BEING AN AMBASSADOR

Take a specific scenario where someone in the group finds its hard to be an 'ambassador'. Explore together why this might be and what would help them to be an ambassador in that situation. Then pray for them, and anyone else in the group who resonates with the scenario as they seek to be an effective ambassador in that situation.

THE MAP

Take one of your pray for five people plotted on the map. Share a little about why you think they are located in that place on the map. Explore together how you could best accompany them to take steps towards the Christian way. Pray for them.

CROSS-THE-LINE QUESTION

Take a 'cross-the-line' question that it would be good to ask a non Christian. Explore together when it might be appropriate to use that question, and the likely different responses and how you might respond to them. Pray for an opportunity for each person to use the question between now and your next meeting.

