

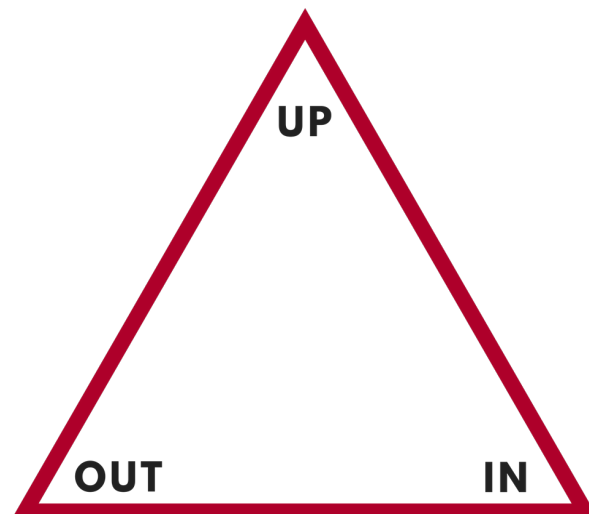
Family Groups

Leader Training

Up // In // Out

Up – In – Out

- A Family Group should follow a predictable _____ without becoming mundane.
- The pattern is based on the way Jesus _____ his life.
 - _____ // Relationship with God.
 - _____ // Relationship with other believers.
 - _____ // Relationship with unbelievers.
- Each group should _____ between these three types of meetings.
 - An “up” meeting primarily helps us grow in our relationship with God.
 - An “in” meeting primarily helps us grow in our relationships with one another.
 - An “out” meeting primarily helps us grow in our relationships with the lost or unchurched.



OUT

- We need a _____ for reaching new people other than Sunday morning worship.
 - The primary strategy we'll use in Family Groups is the person of _____ strategy.
 - It's important to teach this concept _____ and remind people about it _____.
- Family Groups should be attractive to Christians and _____.
- Family Groups should be designed to be easy to _____ someone to.
- The size of a Family Group is important. It should be small enough to find/ make friends. It's big enough to be a wallflower.
 - Public Space – 75+
 - Social Space – 20-50
 - Personal Space – 6-12
 - A mid-sized group (social space) is easier for an outsider to break into.

Biblical Examples

- Examples from Jesus' life
 - Jesus frequently ate with "tax collectors and sinners" in a house party environment.
 - Luke 19 – at Zacchaeus' house
 - Luke 7 – anointed by a sinful woman
 - Luke 6:12-13 – Jesus called his disciples from this environment.
- Lydia's house in Acts 16

Sample "In" Nights

- Go out to eat together
- Go do something fun together (bowling, movie, etc.)
- Have dinner at someone's house
- Celebrate a holiday together

Sample "Up" Nights

- Have a discussion based on a sermon
- Worship together and have someone share a thought
- Spend time praying together
- Watch a sermon together or discuss a book your group is reading

Sample "Out" Nights

- Have a party and invite your people of peace
- Host an event in a public space (park, playground, etc.) and invite friends and neighbors
- Volunteer at a local food pantry or soup kitchen
- Do a prayer walk in the neighborhood where you're trying to reach people

Family Friendly "Out" Suggestions

- Have a kickball or soccer game in the park and invite your friends and their kids.
- Project a family movie on the back of your house. Have everyone invite their friends.
- Take a prayer walk around the neighborhood with the kids.
- Have a lemonade stand in your neighborhood and let the kids help. Invite the people who stop to an upcoming event.

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8 Values to Embody

As a Family Group leader, let these eight values describe you...

Authentic // "Who I am publicly flows out of who I am privately."

- Be who you _____ you are.
- Make it a priority to _____ in Christ.

Prayerful // "Prayer is a reflex, not an afterthought."

- Pray for your group _____.
- Pray for the individuals and families in your group.
- Pray with the people in your group and pray about specific _____ within the group.

Relational // "People are more important than things."

- Ministry is about _____.
- When people are _____ they should always be the focus of our attention.

Leaders // "Leaders make a difference."

- As the _____ goes, so goes the group.
- You are the _____ for your group. You set the tone.

Intentional // "Good things rarely happen on accident."

- Intentionally pursue _____ within your group.
- Intentionally plan your group _____.

Doers // "I'd rather fail trying than do nothing."

- Don't be afraid to _____.
- "Anything worth doing is worth doing poorly."
- Have a bias toward _____.

Empowering // "We win when others win."

- The test of success is not what we've done but _____ we've built up.
- Find ways to include as many _____ as possible.
- When you do everything yourself you _____ people of the opportunity to serve.

Fun // "The most important work in the world should be fun."

- Fun is _____.
- One of the best things you can do for your group is make it an _____ place to be.

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The Basics of a Meeting

A Family Group exists to reach a particular network or neighborhood by modeling Christ-centered community and blessing their neighbors.

- Without a clear _____, any group will flounder.
- ***What network or neighborhood will your group focus on?***

The Basics

- A Family Group should feel like an extended _____ gathering.
 - Ideally, it includes _____. There's something about food that brings people together.
 - It's a _____ environment. People are spread out around the house visiting.
 - If children are present, they're running around. It may be chaotic but _____ are a part of families.
- A typical Family Group should last about an hour and a half.
- A good group begins with good _____ ahead of time.
 - Establish good systems for communicating with your group (GroupMe, Facebook Group, Email, etc.).

Food

- Everyone _____ something...even first timers.
- Everyone _____ prepare and clean up.
- If someone asks, "Can I bring something?" The answer is always, "_____!"
- How you handle food helps create _____.

Childcare

- Groups with children present unique challenges. They also present unique _____ to disciple our children.
- A few approaches...
 - The family _____ – everyone is together doing adult stuff.
 - The _____ party – everyone is together doing kid stuff.
 - The _____ – separated but doing age appropriate things.

Schedule (“Up” Night)

6:00.....arrive, hangout, and catch up
 6:15.....thanksgiving
 6:20.....eat
 6:50.....worship & study
 7:30.....finish up

* the schedule may vary based on what the group is doing

Schedule (“In” Night) | Swimming Party

6:00.....arrive, hangout, and catch up
 6:15.....thanksgiving
 6:20.....eat, swim, play, and have fun
 7:30.....finish up

* the schedule may vary based on what the group is doing

Schedule (“Out” Night) | Neighborhood Cookout

6:00.....arrive, hangout, and catch up
 6:15.....thanksgiving
 6:20.....eat, talk, get to know your people of peace
 7:30.....finish up

* the schedule may vary based on what the group is doing

