

RADIANT GROUPS

Sermon Recap Group: Best Practices

Sermon Recap Groups provide an easy way for people to find life-giving community at any point of the groups semester! While most other groups close at week 3, Sermon Recap Groups remain open and provide an opportunity for anyone to get connected at Radiant, whether they've been attending for a few days or a few years.

Sermon Recap Group leaders provide spaces and connection points to cultivate friendships among their members. While these groups can be simply a discussion around the previous Sunday's sermon, they can also include a fun activity like sports or games to create fun and lasting memories.

There are 3 elements that we ask each Sermon Recap Group to include:

1. Prayer

- At Radiant, we are a “pray first” culture. It is a great practice to start and end every group meeting with prayer.
- Do prayer requests and give opportunities for people to share ways they have seen God answer prayers each week.
- If your group is small enough for a text group thread, start one! This will provide more opportunities for people to connect during the week and to share prayer requests + praise reports.

2. Sermon Recap

- Every Sermon Recap Group must include a recap of the previous Sunday's sermon – that's what makes this group type accessible to anyone! No matter how long someone has attended Radiant, as long as they watch the sermon, they have something in common with other members.
- We provide the questions for you! We want to make it as easy as possible for you to be able to lead Sermon Recap Groups, so each week, there will be questions uploaded on weareradiant.com/sermon-recap for you to use to start discussion with your group.

3. Community

- Life change happens in the context of relationships! That's what gathering together is all about. If your Sermon Recap Group doesn't have a planned activity to do together each week, then make a point to begin your meetings with a “get-to-know-you” question, game, or icebreaker. (This will promote more conversation too!)

- A good member-to-leader ratio to keep is 12:1. Jesus only had 12 disciples, so it's good to assume that's a good number for us too! If your group goes above 12 people, you'll want to raise up/invite a new person to go through training and co-lead with you. This will go a long way to make sure everyone in your group is cared for and seen.

Here are 2 Timeline Suggestions for Sermon Recap Groups:

Discussion Only

- 20 min** - Ice-breaker/Game
- 45 min** - Pray + Discuss Sermon
- 25 min** - Prayer Requests + Pray

Discussion + Activity

- 15 min** - Pray + Sermon Recap
- 60 min** - Activity
- 15 min** - Prayer Requests + Pray

A few notes on the above timelines:

- Both of these are 90 minutes, which will give you time to allow people to arrive slowly or spend a little extra time in whichever area best meets your group's needs.
- Keep in mind that a group lasting longer than 2 hours is a BIG time commitment. We recommend keeping your group under the 2 hour mark to encourage members that we respect their time + leave them wanting to come back.
- For sermon recap groups in Fall 2025 - you have 2 options for the video:
 1. You can watch with your group during your group meeting (videos are approx. 20 min)
 - OR
 2. You can have them watch the video before attending.
 - If they do not watch the video in advance, it shouldn't impact their ability to participate. It is a helpful resource to further the conversation!
 - You can adjust the above timelines to best accommodate your group needs/desires.