

Next Steps as a Group

1. Figure out who wants to continue to be a part of the group.
 - a. Have a clearly identified leader.
 - i. If you've had a leader for the series, they are a natural fit if they want to continue with the group.
 - ii. If you had a leader previous to the series, they can be a good fit if they want to do it.
 - iii. If your current leader and/or leader before this series don't want to continue with the group, see if anyone in the group is willing to assume leadership responsibility for the group.
 1. Contact Jake Harp to set up a conversation if a new leader is planning to shepherd the group (jake.harp@venturechristian.church).
 - b. Invite and encourage everyone to continue, but don't pressure them.
 - c. Leave the invitation open for the future if anyone opts out in this season.

Reassure them that they can join when your group opens again, which is strongly encouraged to be whenever you conclude a study and start a new one.
2. Figure out a group schedule.
 - a. Find a consistent day/time each week to meet.
 - i. A natural fit is the schedule that your group has gotten used to for the weeks of the last series.
 - ii. Alternative times should be suggested to see if there are better times than the current schedule from the series.
 - b. A weekly schedule, with intermittent breaks during natural calendar breaks (summer, winter break, spring break, fall break, holidays, etc), gives your group the greatest chance of success.
 - i. You want group members to build their weekly schedule with your group in mind.
 - ii. A weekly commitment ensures that your group stays at the forefront of the group members' minds.
 - iii. There is never confusion about if and when you're meeting if it's at the same time every week.
 - iv. If you meet any less than weekly (biweekly for instance), then if someone misses the group gathering, they won't see everyone for a month. More frequent meetings make occasionally missed meetings less of a big deal to group cohesion.
 - c. Set a date for your first meeting and then meet.
3. Figure out what to study.
 - a. For ideas about what to study, go to the Venture Groups page about learning: <https://www.venturegroups.church/learning>
4. Figure out when and where you'll serve next as a group.
 - a. Use your Serve Champion if you have one to plan this rhythm.

- b. [Identify a Serve Champion](#) if you don't have one, and then help them plan the first service project together.
 - c. For ideas about where and how to serve, go to the Venture Groups page about serving: <https://www.venturegroups.church/serving>
- 5. Figure out when and where you'll experience the "play" rhythm as a group.
 - a. Plan (or better yet, delegate the planning of) a social gathering.
 - b. If you need ideas about where or how to play, go to the Venture Groups page about playing: <https://www.venturegroups.church/playing>