

# Small Group Agenda

Week of August 31st, 2025

Small groups exist to facilitate meaningful friendship, intentional discipleship, and biblical community. In order to help believers be the disciples God has called them to be.

## GOALS FOR THIS MEETING

- For many, this is the third meeting of this semester. By now, you, as the leader, should know the names of the members of your group. Make sure that you and your group members are getting to know each other's names. Welcome any new members to the group.
- Remind everybody of your group's direction/expectations.
- Discuss the sermon topic.
- Pray for the building of relationships and the spiritual growth of the group.

If this is your first meeting: (you can also check this section in the agenda for the August 17th meeting)

- Rekindle relationships and meet new members.
- Clarify your group's direction/expectations.
- Briefly discuss the sermon topic.
- Pray for the building of relationships and the spiritual growth of the group.

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR THIS MEETING

- Refreshments plans decided with the host; Do you still need name tags?

## CONTACT YOUR GROUP IN ADVANCE

- Contact all members before the meeting to remind them of the time and place of your meeting, as well as any refreshments (if any) to bring to the meeting.

## A) Sharing (10 min)

- Ask if anyone can share a prayer request that God answered in His way and His timing, which is the right timing.

**Sharing guidelines**—God answers prayer in His timing, and He is never late. Everything happens according to His perfect timing and plan. The goal of this sharing time is to thank God and meditate on His faithfulness.

## B) Worship (optional) (10 min)

- Read Genesis 18:1-5, 9-15
- Ask two people to pray, thanking God for His blessings.

## C) Discussion / Sharing time (using guide provided each week) (30 min)

☐ Read Luke 1:18-25

Note to the leader: Remember that you can choose from these questions. The goal is to facilitate a good discussion around the passage preached on Sunday.

### Observe

1. What conclusions can you draw about Zechariah from his answer to the angel's announcement?
2. Why was Zechariah left mute (unable to speak) after his interaction with the angel? (1:19-20)
3. What was Elizabeth's reaction to the miracle and blessing God gave them? (1:25)

### Reflect

4. How did God demonstrate in these people's lives that He is sovereign?

5. When have you doubted the reality of God's wonderful provision for you?
6. How can you trust that God will act on your behalf in His perfect timing?

## Apply

7. On a scale of one to ten (one being low, ten being high), how would you rate your level of expectation that God could do something amazing throughout your life?
8. How can you strengthen your realization that God is in control of the events of your life?
9. As you reflect on the mercy and patience of God in your life, what do you need to do/change to trust in Him more fully?

## D) Prayer (10 min)

- Continue to pray for the salvation of the people around your life that still need Jesus. Add to that prayer for God to use YOU as an instrument to bring the mercy, grace and joy of God to the people you are praying for so they can surrender their lives to Jesus.
- Pray also for the ladies who will be attending the women's retreat this weekend.