

Proposed Outline for a Small Group Time

1. Fellowship (conversation and refreshments)

- a. Determine who will bring a snack and drink.
- b. Be sure that everyone has a hand in this to keep it fair and not allow some to think they are doing it all.
- c. Have a large enough area for people to sit and talk.

2. Bible Study (a prepared lesson)

- a. Keep the word of God as your focus.
- b. Use other Christian material as you are led, but the Bible must be your source of final decision on a topic or matter.
- c. Begin preparation early enough to allow God to speak to you on what he will have you share with the group and thoughts on what might come up to be able to guide the discussion with Godly wisdom and discernment.

3. Self-Expression (sharing, exhortation, and prayer requests)

- a. Allow a controlled, but open time for people to express their thoughts on the matter presented. Gently direct them towards biblical truth as needed. Do not allow any 'I believes' to override Biblical truth!
- b. Take prayer request input and encourage as you will and can or offer suggestions for group to help minister to these needs or those presented.

4. Prayer

- a. Lead towards a time of corporate or individual or silent prayer for needs mentioned or shared.
- b. Include 'unspokens' during this time.
- c. Close with a word of God's love for each person, blessings on their families, thankfulness over the time had and travel mercies as they go

Be sure to encourage everyone to help clean up the hosting house, and help to steer people out, in a proper manner and time, in consideration for the hosting home.