How to Host a Small Group

When we meet regularly with a small group of people to share life, prayer, stories, and wisdom, we all grow in love. Call it a small group, discipleship group, circle, cell, or life group. The point is to gather and share faith and life, in a way that complements congregational life.

1. **Gather round**
   Begin with prayer and the breaking of bread. When we share a meal - prepare it together, order pizza, or settle with dinner at your laptop - we follow in the footsteps of the early church.

2. **Share about God**
   Invite each person to briefly share whether and how God is showing up in their lives right now.

3. **Reflect on scripture and wisdom**
   Read a passage from the Daily Office Lectionary together and discuss how it intersects with life today. In addition, you might also incorporate a book study or other curriculum.

4. **Pray and worship**
   Close your time in prayer and thanksgiving. Whether in word, song, silence or some combination, take the time to offer thanks, hopes, and concerns for yourselves and others.

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