



WEEK FOUR

Nuts & Bolts:

- Leading a Small Group
- Locations
- Ideas
- GroupLink
- Commitment Form

+ **Leading a Small Group Meeting**

Components of a small group meeting:

1. Welcome time.

Man to Man / Fellowship and icebreaker
(an inward focus on the other members of the small group)

2. Worship.

Man to God / Worship is simply man's focus on God.
Share a praise time

3. Word.

God to Man / Discussion and ministry

4. Works.

Man to man / Vision, outreach, and planning
(an outward focus on the people of our community)

Sample Small Group Meeting:

6:30 – 7:00	Mix and Mingle
7:00 – 7:05	Open Group with Prayer
7:05 – 7:15	Worship
7:15 - 7:20	Ice Breaker
7:20 – 7:30	Intro of Topic/Discussion/Scripture
7:30 – 8:15	Application Questions/Discussion
8:15 – 8:25	Prayer
8:25 – 8:30	Casual fellowship and leave

- ALWAYS begin and end on time.

+ Location

We encourage all small groups to meet outside of the church building. Many times someone you might want to invite to your small group may feel uncomfortable in a church setting.

If you cannot meet in your home, look for a host home (possibly the home of a friend attending your group).

- *Other possibilities for meeting locations include:*

- / Library conference room
- / Recreation center
- / Subdivision clubhouse
- / Outdoors in a park
- / Restaurants
- / Starbucks

/ PRAY and God will give you a creative idea!

+ Ideas

It is very important to involve your group in other activities outside the setting of a small group meeting. One of the purposes of small groups is to develop relationships, a sense of community. Therefore, in order to get beyond certain perceived or actual barriers between relationships, you need to periodically do fun, social activities. Below is a list of ideas to use when planning an activity:

- Summer Barbecue
- Pool Party (keep it modest)
- Games: Outburst, Encore, Pictionary, Charades, etc.
- Bowling
- Christmas/New Year's Party
- Christmas caroling
- Progressive dinners
- Volleyball, horseshoes, badminton, roller skating, skiing, croquet, miniature golf
- Birthday parties
- Concerts, ballet, opera
- Picnic in the park
- Valentine's Day banquet
- White Water Rafting, Camping, Horseback Riding, Hay Rides
- Beach

- Questions to open up discussions/icebreakers:

Where were you born?

What type of family were you raised in?

What is the one thing about you that is unique?

Who is someone who has influenced your life?

What is your favorite childhood memory?

What is the farthest place you've ever traveled to?

Which household chore would you like never to have to do again?

What did you want to be when you grew up?

What is your favorite toothpaste? WHY?

+ GROUP LINK

Similar to a job fair, Group Link is a designated time that small group leaders have the chance to promote their groups. Additionally, it is an excellent opportunity to recruit and connect with other Bay Community members who share your interests.

Group Link is held the week before each new small group semester begins. Each group is featured at a booth where “shoppers” are allowed to converse and retain information regarding each group. Creativity is a premium to promoting your group during Group Link, so think of an exciting way to attract and invite people to your table! For instance, consider balloons, candy, baked goods, etc.

+ Fusion Leader Application/Commitment

Vital Info

Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work/Cell _____

Marital Staus: (circle one) Single Engaged Married Divorced Widowed

Spouse's Name _____

Children:

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Church History and What You Believe:

How long have you regularly attended Bay Community Church? _____

Are you a member of Bay Community Church? YES _____ NO _____

Do you tithe regularly? YES _____ NO _____

Information on previously attended church

Name of Church _____ City State _____

Name of Pastor _____ How Long attended _____

Are you a born again Christian? YES _____ NO _____

How long have you been a Christian? _____

Please check the statements that apply to you. "I believe...

- ___ the virgin birth and deity of Jesus Christ."
- ___ that Jesus is God's son and only sacrifice for sin."
- ___ that Jesus rose bodily from the dead."
- ___ that a person MUST be born again to receive eternal life."
- ___ in the infallibility of the Holy Bible."
- ___ in the eternal damnation of those who reject Christ."

Briefly explain why you would like to serve at Bay Community Church:

What would you buy for yourself if you had \$20?

Background Information

- Has anyone ever brought or threatened to bring a civil suit or criminal claim against you alleging physical or sexual abuse or sexual harassment?

YES _____ NO _____

- Have you ever been charged, arrested, or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?

YES _____ NO _____

- Have you ever terminated your employment or had your employment terminated or has your employer ever reprimanded you for reasons relating to allegations of physical or sexual abuse or sexual harassment by you?

YES _____ NO _____

- Is there anything in your past or present that might create a question in the minds of others about whether you should be involved in a leadership role at Bay Community Church?

YES _____ NO _____

IF YES, EXPLAIN:

LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT

1 Timothy 3:8-10 (The Message)

8-13 The same goes for those who want to be servants in the church: serious, not deceitful, not too free with the bottle, not in it for what they can get out of it. They must be reverent before the mystery of the faith, not using their position to try to run things. Let them prove themselves first. If they show they can do it, take them on. No exceptions are to be made for women—same qualifications: serious, dependable, not sharp-tongued, not overfond of wine. Servants in the church are to be committed to their spouses, attentive to their own children, and diligent in looking after their own affairs. Those who do this servant work will come to be highly respected, a real credit to this Jesus-faith.

Qualifications

- Sincere, worthy of respect, and of good reputation.
- Tithe regularly to Bay Community Church.
- Have a genuine desire to serve and minister to other people.
- Able to lead, motivate, and teach other people.
- Able to create positive group dynamics, and deal with conflict resolution within the group.
- Regularly attend Bay Community Church's weekend experiences and Encounters.

I believe that I meet the qualifications for serving, and I have read and agree to the following (please write your initials beside each statement):

_____ to fulfill the responsibilities outlined in the job description

_____ to abide by the Bay Community Church's leadership Honor code

_____ to help fulfill the mission, vision, & purpose of Bay Community Church

_____ to embrace and teach Christian principals as stated in the Bay Community Church's statement of faith

_____ to complete the Bay Community Church's growth track in the next 4-6 weeks

Signature _____ Date _____