



# LIFE*group* Leader Planning Tool



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## **Purpose Questions:**

**Why do we have a ministry?**

**Why do we exist?**

**What benefit does our ministry give to it's participants?**

**In the boxes below, list as many ministries as you can think of at the *LIFEhouse* that fit into each ministry category. Each ministry can only be listed once.**

**Pre-outreach**

**Outreach**

**Assimilation**

**Growth & Ministry**

**Leadership**



# LIFEgroup Meeting Planner:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I want my group members to know

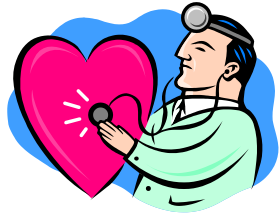


I want my group members to do

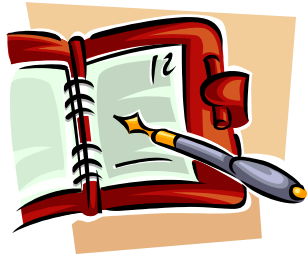


## Desired Outcomes:

I want my group members to feel



I want my group members to plan



## Next Meeting Preparation Checklist – P. L. A. N.

### **P-Point** *What will the meeting accomplish?*

- Write out KNOW, FEEL, DO, PLAN statements
- Write out the meeting agenda
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### **L-Logistics** *Is the setting for the meeting prepared?*

- Seating
- Distractions eliminated (*phones, pets, noise*)
- Open chair in place
- Temperature
- Lighting
- Refreshments
- Background music during arrival

### **A-Activities** *What will happen during the meeting?*

- Come up with icebreaker / group mixer
- Special skill training
- Group prayer
- Game / social activity
- Gather or prepare material
- Bibles, pencils, paper, etc. available
- Announcements to be made
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### **N-Needs** *What's happening in group members lives?*

- Unresolved problems between members
- Financial needs
- Childcare arrangements
- Location of future meeting(s) set
- Tough decisions to be made
- Health concerns

- Family issues
- Prayer needs
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

# ***Agenda***

Start/Finish                      Item                      Who

		_____
		_____
		_____
		_____

***After-Meeting Summary:*** Total # in attendance \_\_\_\_\_

**AGENDA**

**PERSONAL STORIES**

What worked well?   	Things we celebrated:   
What was weak?   	Concerns:   

# **LIFEgroup** Neighborhood Outreach Ideas

## **January: Super Bowl Party.**

Invite a group over to watch the big game and enjoy some munchies.

## **February: Gift Basket Clinic**

Teach your neighbors how to put together a romantic gift for someone special.

## **March: Walking Club.**

Organize scheduled treks around the neighborhood. Walk and talk. Notice what's happening on your block. Illness, death, marriage, and the arrival of new babies provide windows for further outreach.

## **April: Progressive Dinner.**

Because of short travel distances, neighborhoods are perfect. Start with appetizers at one house, salad at the next, and so on. Conclude with dessert and a game.

## **May: Annual Scraping of the Grills.**

Around Memorial Day, get permission to block off your street. Inaugurate summer with a parade of barbecues as you grill out together.

## **June: Croquet Party.**

There's nothing like a croquet match to while away a summer evening. Set up the wickets and call some neighbors. Have lots of iced tea on hand.

## **July: Ice Cream Social.**

Break out the ice cream machine and have some old fashioned ice cream, and old fashioned neighborly experience. Plan a fireworks party.

## **August: House-sitting**

When vacation rolls around, neighbors often need someone to feed pets, water the plants, and pick up the mail. It's a great way to serve one another and your neighbors.

## **September: Perennial Swap.**

Many people landscape their yards with perennials that can be split and replanted. Exchange half a bush or a bulb with one of your neighbors.

## **October: Have a Harvest Party.**

Organize a meal with a harvest theme and invite the neighbors to attend.

## **November: Post Thanksgiving Potluck**

A simple way to have neighbors over for a meal, have everyone bring their leftovers.

## **December: Cookie Exchange**

Ask each guest to bring four to six dozen cookies. Spend a sociable evening together, then swap cookies and enjoy the results for weeks to come.