

GROUP LIFE LEADERS

ADDING PEOPLE TO YOUR GROUP

You've discussed it as a small group and are ready to add someone. Awesome! There are a few great ways you can go about this. Below are some ways to consider moving forward.

PERSONAL INVITE

We've found that a personal invite is the best way to add someone. Discuss it and have your group members think and pray about their social circles. Consider people you work with, serve with, hang out with, or who you have met recently who could use what your group has. Then spend a week or two praying about it as a group and asking God to bring someone to mind.

GROUP LAUNCH

Once or twice a year, we start brand new small groups. If your current group is willing to add quite a few people, consider growing your group at our next Group Launch. Groups launch generally in September and January. Reach out to your small group pastor or director to see if this makes sense for your group.

WELCOMING SOMEONE NEW TO YOUR GROUP

Having someone new join your group is a big moment. Pray together in advance as a group about it. Ask God to help you make them feel welcomed and like they belong. Your group rhythm might change a bit at first. For instance, you may spend more time sharing about life than you usually would. Help your group members anticipate this change.

To help them feel included:

- Use the Story Cards and a good get-to-know-you question, such as, "Choose one story card to describe your last month."
- Schedule time for everyone in the group to share their story again. One great way to do this is through the 2x2 Method in the starting groups booklet, *Launching Well*.

REACH OUT TO STAFF CONTACT

We hope you find these tips helpful when adding people to your group. Please contact your staff for more specific tips for your group. They are there to help and eager to assist you.