

Key Questions...

1. What would it be like for a new guest to come to our group meeting for the first time?
2. Does every person feel that their presence and contribution is valued?
3. How are you doing at ending each quarter well, with an invitation to return but giving permission to switch groups?
4. Are you prayerful and open to welcoming new group members (when timing and size align with group factors – sometimes in the midst of critical care moments it may be inappropriate to open the doors to new folks) either through member referral or quarterly registrations?

Key Tasks...

1. Welcome new guests via phone call, text or email, within 24 hours of receiving their registration info. Share logistics and expressing enthusiasm that they will be attending.
2. Execute a great first meeting leveraging the first meeting agenda.
3. Share the group commitment and have them sign it at the following meeting.
4. Prepare a contact list, so that they can begin communicating outside of group easily.
5. You may consider using a texting app like Group Me.
6. Model sharing authentic, vulnerable things whether highs or struggles. If vulnerable disclosure is handled in a safe way – without anyone condemning or jumping in to fix, then it opens the gateway for authenticity to become normal.