

## Home Groups: Life Groups in Homes

### *Home Groups at a Glance Notes*

- **What are Home Groups?**
  - Home Groups are Life Groups meeting in homes
  - HG and Life Groups have the same: (See Life Groups Pamphlet)
    - Purpose
    - 3 Functions
    - 10 Characteristics
  
- **How will Home Groups work?**
  - Groups are organized by geography (zones)
  - Host Home(s) for each group
  - 3 – 12 people per group
  - Host and Facilitator for each group (Host & Facilitator may be two different people)
    - Host – home and coffee
    - Facilitator – facilitate the DVD driven Bible study and guide the discussion
  - Childcare arranged by each group as needed
  - Each HG commits to meeting for the duration of the study
  - Each HG determines the day and time to meet
    - **Protected** days and times:
      - Sundays, 9 am – 12 pm
      - Wednesday, 6 pm – 8 pm
  - Each HG has the flexibility of meeting weekly or bi-weekly
  - Each HG determines at the end of each study whether to take a break or continue with another study
  - Each HG will choose a study from a selection of approved DVD curriculum
  
- **What does a HG meeting look like?**
  - 1-1/2 to 2 hours
    - Arrival, coffee, get acquainted or catch up (10-15)
    - Bible Study (50-60)
      - Get a seat and get comfortable
      - Prayer
      - Facilitator start DVD session
        - Group watch the teaching session
        - Facilitator leads and guide the group discussion
    - Announcement (5)
    - Share need and prayer time (15-20)
    - Plan/Coordinate group social/service activities (10-20)
    - Closing prayer and adjournment

- **Added Benefits of Home Life Groups**
  - Flexibility of meeting time
  - Overcome space limitation (On Campus)
  - Convenience of proximity (Zones)
  - More casual and relaxed atmosphere
  - Free from the 1 hour constraint
  - Easy to manage as a small group
  
- **Next Step & Tentative Timeline**
  - Goal: Start 3 – 9 Pilot Groups
  - Feb 19 or 21: Hosts & Facilitators Orientation
  - Feb 1 – Mar 4: Invite Group Prospects
  - Mar 4 Week: Pilot Groups start meeting
  - Mar 25 Week: Promote next study
  - Apr 8: Pilot Groups complete 1<sup>st</sup> cycle