

Building Community Between Group Meetings

How can we help our group to love and care for one another outside of gathering times? Here are a few ideas – challenge your leadership team to try one this year, or come up with another that would work well for your group’s context.

- Men’s/women’s breakout gatherings on the off-weeks, if you are a bi-weekly or monthly group.
- Any version of gathering on the off-weeks, if you are a bi-weekly or monthly group:
 - Prayer gathering
 - Game night
 - Dinner together
 - Serve together
 - Watch a movie
 - Gather around a common hobby
- Buddy system or prayer partners – Pair people off as buddies and encourage them to check in with each other between gatherings (follow up on a prayer request, grab coffee together, send a “happy donut day” text, etc.)
- Facebook group, Slack channel, or other communication platform – share group news, encouragements, events.
- Take initiative as the leader to send a short email reflecting on how you’re putting last week’s teaching into action, mentioning what you love about this group, sending along a verse of encouragement, or anything else that will help the group to think about one another during the week.