

What Should Happen at a Typical Meeting?

Each group should plan the specific style of their meeting. According to common practice, most groups set aside time for study, sharing and support. This is most often expressed in Bible study discussion, personal sharing and prayer.

- Study / Discussion:** This is usually the largest portion of a meeting, typically taking about 50 percent of the time together
- Personal Sharing:** This will often take the form of sharing prayer requests. Be sure to give time for group members to talk about their lives.
- Prayer:** Take time to support each other in prayer and to remember larger concerns outside the group.
- Socializing:** It is important to include time for small talk. Usually this happens at the beginning and ending of the group. Do not underestimate the importance of building friendships.
- Greater Concerns** In order for groups to maintain a connection to the larger church and community, it is important to spend some time talking about service, outreach and other ways in which groups can connect with greater concerns.