

SMALL GROUP HANGOUTS

HOSTING AN AWESOME HANGOUT NIGHT

What is a hangout night? _____

A hangout is a gathering hosted by your small group that intentionally creates a warm and welcoming place to invite new people to experience their life-changing community.

How do we do hangout night? _____

These serve as a strategic invite opportunity for the ONE you are praying for and investing in. By creating a place that displays authentic community, you can offer hope to your friends and neighbors as they experience the love of Christ in a fun, but profound way.

Who is it primarily for? _____

These nights are intentionally designed for those who are not yet in your group. A great question to ask is, "Who in my life could benefit from a group like this?" As you think through this list, consider your ONE. These nights provide a great opportunity to invite them and invest in that relationship. Also consider your neighbors and other people who are not involved in a small group.

When will we do it? _____

Small groups meet weekly for 12 weeks each term. Your group is encouraged to choose at least one of those weeks and set that as your designated "Hangout Night". It helps to have someone in the group "own" this for the group to plan the events.

How do we host a hangout night? _____

Every member of the group should be involved in this.

- **Each One Bring One:** Ask each member to invite their ONE.
- **Each One Connects With One:** Ask each member to connect with one new person each Hangout Night.
- **Each One Follows Up With One:** Ask each member to invite their friend back the next week.

"The most persuasive argument for the Christian faith is the Christian community. The majority of conversions throughout church history have come not through argumentation, but through belonging to a meaningful community before belief is ever required."

- Todd Engstrom

"What type of event would my ONE like to attend?"

That's the question we should be asking. Ideas for hangout nights are endless. Below are a few ideas that are welcoming and engaging for both believers and non-believers.

HANGOUT NIGHTS (PHYSICAL GATHERINGS)

Grill Out: Have your group over and invite the neighborhood! This is fun especially on a warm day where everyone can be outside talking, and don't be afraid to break out cornhole.

Bowling: This is the staple of a classic group night out where everyone can get together and have a good time all the while hurling balls at an assortment of pins!

Board Game Night: Have your group over and invite the lost people in your lives to come because everyone loves board games. What's good about this activity is that once you finish you can just start another one.

Yard Game Night: Feel free to play whatever game you want. The whole point of this activity is to get everyone outside and show your community what it looks like to live in a community with others.

Potluck: Food is always a win! The host will let the group members know in advance and everyone can choose what they want to bring, then inviting people is the easy part!

Go To A Restaurant: Get out of the house! Go to a restaurant with the members of your group and get to know each other better over a meal.

Go To A Local Event: Go out and get to know the people in your community and have a good time. This is a great time to see the needs of other people and see potential serving opportunities.

HANGOUT NIGHTS (ONLINE GATHERINGS)

Scavenger Hunt: The host calls out a household item and the first person to fetch the item and bring it back wins.

Trivia Night: Invite your neighborhood to join your trivia night. Each household can be a team!

Take Your Pets To The Zoom: Everyone in your group gets the chance to bring their furry friend on screen with them and show them off.

Pictionary: Thanks to Zoom, you can share a whiteboard with every one and start drawing. The first person to guess the drawing in the chat gets a point. At the end of the night, the person with the most points wins.

Theme Night: The host contacts all the people in the group and tells them a certain theme. When you log on for your hangout night everyone can vote on who dressed up/decorated the best.