

# HOW TO START A MULTIPLYING SMALL GROUP:

- Pray for the Holy Spirit's discernment about whom to invite to your Multiplying Small Group. We highly recommend 3-4 individuals in a group as the best atmosphere for engaging in vulnerable discussions and building confidence for accountability. Consider individuals in your current small group, a friend, a neighbor, or someone you serve with at church.

**Note:** Never disciple someone of the opposite gender, unless your spouse is a part of the group.

- **Options for inviting Multiplying group members:**

“I feel the Lord is leading me to strengthen my relationship with him. I could use accountability. Would you pray about joining me with a couple of others? I can check back with you in a few days.”

“Would you join me in focusing on growing my faith? This could radically change us both as well as our church.”

- Inform your church leadership that you are creating a discipleship group and share with them the names in your group for accountability, attendance records, and prayer.
- Schedule an individual meeting with each group member to assess their unique needs, interests & goals.

- Take a consensus of all group members to determine the preferred day, time and location of weekly meetings (allow at least an 1.5-2 hours per meeting, we recommend not meeting longer than 2 hours to prevent over-burdening members' schedules).
- Meeting weekly is the most successful option to establish relationships and foundational habits. Once consistent attendance has been established, use flexibility to accommodate the seasons and life events of your group members.
- Recommend to each group member they use a good study Bible and journal
- **Secure copies of the Multipling for your group**