

SMALL GROUP GET TO KNOW YOU NIGHT

Since your group is new to one another this night is designed to help “break the ice”. You want your few to start getting to know one another. Here are a few Icebreaker games to help you do that. Feel free to do any/all or none of them!

2-Minute Mixer

Instructions

Ask people to get up, pair up, and chat for 2 minutes with each other about whatever interests them. You'll be the timer. When 2 minutes are up, blow your whistle or make some other sound loud enough for everyone to hear. When they hear your signal, everyone must find a new partner and chat for the next 2 minutes. If you have flexibility, allow enough time for everyone to have 2 minutes with every other person.

If you're using this game at the start of the group combine it with introductions. After the mixer, ask each person to give his or her name and share something interesting they learned from someone else during the mixer.

2 Truths and a Lie

Instructions

Tell everyone that they need to think of 2 things most people don't know about them and 1 thing that is not true. Give everyone a moment to come up with their truths and lie. Go around the room and have everyone state their 2 truths and 1 lie at a time. Afterward each person has said their truths/lie, take a vote on which statement they believe to be the lie.

After the vote is taken have the person reveal which was the lie.

Yes, I Have Done That!

Use the list of icebreaker questions for adults (on the next page, print one for everyone in your group) and pass it out to everyone. You need to have at least one question for each person. Adults circulate, asking questions until they find someone who can answer, “Yes, I have done that!” That person signs their name next to the question. Once they get at least one “yes” from each guest, they are allowed to obtain multiple “yes” responses from any guest. People may find they cannot find a new someone to answer “yes” to a particular statement. In that case, they must backtrack and remove the name of someone's “yes” response to a particular statement in order to answer another statement “yes”. The first person to complete their list wins. You can use the list that follows or make one of your own.

- Have you ever been to Europe?
- Have you ever ridden on a motorcycle?
- Have you ever lived in another state?
- Have you ever met a celebrity?
- Have you ever been to Disney World?
- Have you ever planted a vegetable garden?
- Have you ever been a car salesperson?
- Have you ever planned a wedding?
- Have you ever ridden in a limousine?
- Have you ever driven a riding lawn mower?
- Have you ever participated in a marathon?
- Have you ever gone mountain climbing?
- Have you ever been to a chiropractor?
- Have you ever been a member of a sorority or fraternity?
- Have you ever participated in a beauty contest?
- Have you ever had a dog compete in a dog show?
- Have you ever been somewhere while an earthquake occurred?
- Have you ever been somewhere while a tornado took place?
- Have you ever been somewhere while a hurricane occurred?
- Have you ever been on a college sports team?
- Do you speak a second language?
- Have you ever played an instrument?

Questions to ask as you get to know your group

Asking the right questions is crucial in getting to know your group and understanding where they are at spiritually (we will be helping you with this).

- How long have you lived in Gainesville? Where were you before? What brought you here?
- How did you find Shift?
- Did you attend other churches previously? Why did you leave? (Some may not want to talk about this one. If it feels awkward just move on.)
- What are you hoping for from the small group?
- Have you lead a group or team before? What did you do?

Next week

Give your group the main passages for next week: Genesis 2:18-24, Matthew 22:36-37. When they read these for next week's group challenge them to read the story around the passage and think about these questions (these will be the questions you walk through every week):

- What new thing did you discover in the story you didn't know before?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- Which person is most like you in the story?
- What will you take away from this discussion?
- What will you do with what you have learned?