

Starting Well

RIDGEGROUPS

Tips for the first
three months of
Ridge Group leadership

While there's no formula guaranteeing a successful Ridge Group, there are a few things you can do to get your group off to a great start.

Remember the 4 R's of Ridge Group Leadership:

Relational: People over tasks.

Run Well: God and others deserve our best.

Reproduction: Do nothing alone.

Rewarding: What you do matters.

First Meeting:

- Make the meeting fun and mostly social.
- Take five minutes at the end of the meeting to tell the group what excites you about where the group is headed.
- Make sure everyone knows what day you're meeting, what time, where, as well as any details needed (such as where to park), how childcare will be handled, and what to expect.
- Ask someone in your group to collect and share everyone's contact info, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.
- Reminder: Take a few minutes prior to the arrival of your group members to pray for the evening.

First Month:

- Meet one-on-one with at least one group member or couple.
- Share life stories. Celebrate wins.
- Look for ways to involve everyone in the group in some way.
- Reminder: Consistently pray for your group members by name.

Second Month:

- Share life stories.
- Look for potential apprentices within the group to invest in
- Meet one-on-one with at least one group member or couple.
- Set up your first service opportunity.
- Reminder: The most important thing you can do, as a leader is to stay connected to God through regular, personal quiet times.

Third Month:

- Let someone else lead the discussion at a meeting.
- Meet one-on-one with at least one group member or couple.
- Continue to develop a vision for where each member is spiritually and as a leader you can help him or her spiritually grow.
- Reminder: Invite someone wiser to pour into you on a consistent basis.