

MEETING FORMAT FOR SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Time Frame: 1 ½ hours

Time allotted
(approximate)

Elements of Small Christian Community

10 minutes

Gathering
Opening Song (recommended)
Opening Prayer

55 minutes

Scripture Sharing and Reflection

(Members of the group are invited to take turns with reading.)

Read the Scriptures out loud.

Read the commentary out loud.

Faith Sharing//Learning

Respond to Questions – Members share how the readings & learning are related to their daily lives and relationships, 2-3 minutes each.

Depending on time, one or more questions may be answered. Begin with question 1. Go on to the other questions as time permits. For a group of 8, it usually takes about 15 min/question, but the facilitator will need to judge each group. If several questions are given, you can answer the first two and then give members the choice of answering any of the remaining questions.

15 minutes

Response in Action

The Small Christian Community decides how the learning from this session can be lived out in service to others. Each member shares their action for the upcoming week(s).

10 minutes

Mutual Support

Members share prayer requests and needs.

Closing Prayer