

Guidance for leading Weekly Fellowship

Welcome to Weekly Fellowship

Weekly Fellowship helps small groups of believers as they gather to worship and grow in Christ. Through Weekly Fellowship, your group will join with hundreds of others of believers on this journey to know God more deeply and make him known to others through engaging Scripture, prayer, worship and sharing.

There are 5 sections of every Weekly Fellowship program, each freshly and prayerfully designed by experienced Bible teachers and church leaders according to patterns used by believers around the world. It's important to engage in each one so that you have a rich corporate worship experience.

1. Welcome and Testimonies: 15 minutes

- **Welcome (5 minutes)**

Start the meeting with a warm and joyful welcome. If there is someone joining you for the first time, either a new believer or a guest, be sure to give them a special welcome and introduce them by name.

- **Testimonies (10 minutes)**

Members of the group can share anything that would be a blessing to others. This could be a passage of Scripture which encouraged them, or a testimony of a friend or family member who has come to Christ in the past week. There may also be a sad event (such as the passing away of a loved one) which they may want to share so that they can receive comfort and be encouraged by the rest of the group.

2. Worship: 10 minutes

Read a few verses of Scripture which are related to worshipping God. Sing two or three songs of worship and thanksgiving together (there are three suggested songs in the Weekly Programme). The person who leads the worship can use the suggested songs as well as sharing a few words of their own to encourage the group in worship and prayer.

3. Engaging in the Word of God: 15 minutes

- **Questions before the message (10 minutes)**

Together with the group, discuss and answer the question (or questions) related to the message which are in the Weekly Programme. The purpose of this discussion is to prepare the group for the topic of the message.

- **Reading the Bible (5 minutes)**

Have someone read the assigned passage of Scripture aloud and then have someone else pray that hearts would be ready to receive the message about to be heard.

4. Message: 15 minutes

Watch the pre-recorded video together.

5. Application: 25 minutes

- **Questions after the message (10 minutes)**

Discuss as a group the question (or questions) related to the message that have been prepared. Ask different members of the group to share their opinions. The purpose of these questions is to help each person apply the message to their lives. The facilitator should simply be asking the questions and encouraging others to share their thoughts.

- **Prayer, worship, and intercession (15 minutes)**

At this time, the group should be encouraged to pray through the themes of the message. Also allow time to pray for family members or friends that the members are witnessing to, as well as any other issues they may present. At the end, sing another worship song together, particularly one related to the message (there is a suggestion in the Weekly Programme).

- **What will we do between now and next week?**

The group can take part in practical ministry throughout the week in many different ways. If someone was unable to be part of the meeting due to sickness, a member from the group could visit and pray with them. If there is someone who needs help, perhaps with moving house, then someone could offer to help them. Perhaps there is an elderly person in the group who needs help during the week, so arrange for someone to assist them.

An empty chair can also be put in the middle of the group and have everyone pray together that it would be filled with a new believer in the near future.

At every meeting, each should be given a few New Testaments which are prayed over in the meeting. Then throughout the week, each can use these NTs as part of their evangelism. The following week they can share testimonies of the impact and result of their evangelism.

For each meeting, encourage different people to take responsibility for different aspects of ministry. This will create greater participation and involvement from group members.

- **Worship Coordinator**

The person or people responsible for this area should prepare themselves throughout the week to lead the songs before and after the message.

- **Evangelism Coordinator**

This person is responsible to encourage everyone in the group to visit and witness to family and friends and even to accompany them. They may go prayer walking and witness to people they meet on the way.

- **Intercession Coordinator**

This person is responsible to ask the group if they have any prayer needs so that they and their team can pray for those requests throughout the week. They also follow up on the previous week's prayer requests, as well as share the answers to prayer they have witnessed.