

How To Do A Great Huddle

The huddle with your leaders is an important opportunity for them to gain tips, ideas, and problem resolution from you and other leaders. It is also the time to find out if the leader will continue to lead the next trimester.

Where to do a huddle? You might have all your leaders over to dinner, meet them at Starbucks or a restaurant, or meet in the Loft after service. Do something that lets them know they are valued.

How long to huddle? This is up to you, but it's important to take enough time to have some discussion together about groups. It's always great for a team to have some fun together. So, why not build both into your huddle?

When to huddle? You should huddle around week 8 of the trimester. This is a good time to provide any input as the groups are finishing the final third of the trimester. It is also the time for leaders to consider the next trimester.

What to discuss at a huddle? Here are some questions to help facilitate discussion in a huddle, and build community between the team leader and the group leaders in their care.

Questions to ask about the Groups

1. How are your groups going? Are you surviving or thriving?
2. Do you feel people in the group are growing spiritually? What are some of the cool things you've seen happen in your group this trimester?
3. What did you do (or do you have planned) for communion, outreach projects, and the party? How did they go?

4. Were there any personality conflicts? How did you deal with that? (God made us all different.)
5. Are members of the group building relationships with each other?
6. How is the prayer life of the people in the group?
7. Do you see any potential leaders in your group?

Questions for the Group Leaders

As a team leader, and in order to facilitate a good discussion, lead the way in being open about your responses to the following questions.

1. Do you feel a growing connection with Jesus Christ?
2. What has been an area of challenge or personal growth for you this trimester?
3. Have you experienced something new that brings a joy to your heart?
4. How has leading a group changed life for yourself and your family?
5. Are you spending time *in* the Word of God?
6. In your life--what do you need prayer for?
7. Do you plan on leading a group next trimester? Do you need help in deciding your topic/curriculum?

You probably won't have time to do all these questions, but make sure to ask the last question!