



### What is GroupLink?

GroupLink is a connection experience hosted at each campus to assist those needing a group in connecting with other people and a group leader. It's fun, interactive, and people focused.

Two hosts will help people as they proceed through the evening. The hosts will encourage people to talk to as many people and leaders (leaders will wear a shirt that distinguishes them) as possible as they mingle throughout the room. This will enable people to find other people with whom they connect. At the end of the mingling time, the hosts will direct people to locate the people and leader with whom they made a connection. These "groups" will then take a seat together in a circle to proceed through a shortened version of a group meeting. At the end of this time, the group will decide on a day and time to meet for the following eight weeks. The goal is that at the end of those eight weeks, these new groups will be fully functioning and want to continue in group life.

### When is the next GroupLink?

Sunday, April 23, 2017

### What leaders are needed for GroupLink?

We primarily use new group leaders so they can quickly fill their group and get off to a great start. If an existing group leader recently multiplied and sent out most of their group, we will sometimes allow them to participate in GroupLink if they need at least 6-8 new members.

### Is training required for leaders at GroupLink?

Yes, any leader participating in GroupLink will need to attend training 1 ½ hours before the GroupLink event begins. Leaders will receive information about this training from their Campus Groups Pastor.

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**WHERE FAITH COMES ALIVE**

## **How To Get More People To Attend Your Group**

1. Pray.
2. Love and care for the group members who already attend your group. Fulfilled group members will be more likely to invite others to the group.
3. Ask each group member to identify individuals or couples who could be candidates for your group. Ask them to pray for them and to invite them.
4. Host a fun group night where group members are encouraged to bring someone new to group that night. The goal is simply to build relationships.
5. At your campus each weekend, meet people and find out if they are in a group. If not, invite them to your group or offer to assist them in finding a group at the Next Steps area of your campus.
6. Invite people from your neighborhood to attend your group. Plan a study series that would benefit people in your neighborhood, whether Christians or not.
7. Serve together in the community and invite people not in your group to join you in serving the community. This is a tremendous and easy gateway to group life. People want to make a difference.
8. Birth a new group. Believe it or not, this will help your group grow because it creates space and builds momentum. It is also a Kingdom principle that God honors.