

# connect event

## *Your First Connect Group*

### **Congratulations!**

You've found your first Connect Group and you're ready to start. Here's what comes next.

1. **Pick a Host.** If you don't already have a Connect Group Host, decide who in your Connect Group will be Host. It's often helpful to have two Hosts working together.
2. **Get on the same page.** Ask your Host and determine as a group when and where the first meeting will be. It's often helpful to exchange contact info with the group.
3. **Commit to attending the first 8 meetings.** If there is a serious reason you can't make a meeting, be sure to let your Connect Group Host know.
4. **Attend eight Connect Group Launch meetings.** Connect Groups first go through the "Connect Group Launch" series. (Your Host will provide the videos and study guides.)
5. **Plan a social event.** Start thinking about planning at least one social gathering between now and the end of the 8 meetings.
6. **Decide if this group is right for you.** After eight meetings everyone will have a chance to prayerfully decide if they will commit to the group. You'll let your Host know privately if you'd like to continue with the group. There's no pressure, as everyone knows this group is a test run.
7. **Commit to Your Connect Group.** If you decide to stay with the group, you'll commit for another season, pick another study to begin, and keep meeting!
8. **Walk along the Path of Discipleship as a group.** We'll be able to provide lots of guidance and direction as your group journeys together.