

Simple Church

How to use this outline: This model has been used all around the world to help people follow Jesus in simple small church gatherings. You can do it, too! Here are some helpful tips as you do this.

1. WORSHIP

Several options are listed. Choose the best option for your meeting. If the group feels comfortable singing, you can do that, too. When giving, it can be for a need known within the group or to be given to the church to help those outside your immediate gatherings.

3. NEW LESSON

Your church or group leader chooses a Bible story or passage. The leader will not be teaching in the traditional sense, but will facilitate discussion.

5. HEALTHY DISCUSSION

In order to foster healthy discussion, no one should speak longer than 90 seconds at a time. Discussion should be limited to the passage selected by the leader.

7. MULTIPLY

Your simple church should stay small to foster discussion and engagement. Start new simple churches if this one reaches 10 people.

2. VISION

This section is only a few minutes long. Keep it brief. It's a great time to remind everyone why you gather together and what God has called you to do. Talk big picture type stuff. Your church leader may have further guidance for you on this section.

4. BIBLE PASSAGE

If you don't know where to start, then begin with Mark 1. Take a story or two at a time and walk through the book together.

6. PRACTICE AND GOALS

Don't skip this part! You might be tempted to focus all your time on the new lesson, but setting and practicing realistic goals promotes the most growth.

8. EXAMPLE

Watch a short video at iamsecond.com/coronavirus about how one family uses this discussion guide. You can adapt what they do in their home to either a physical meeting or a virtual meeting.

Simple Church Meeting Outline:

CARE / What are some of your highs and lows of your week? Thank God for the highs and ask him to help in the lows.

ACCOUNTABILITY / How did you do obeying Jesus this week?

WORSHIP / Read a Psalm together. Or tell God what you love and appreciate about him. Give to meet the needs of your church or others.

VISION / Read Acts 2:36-47... How can we be more like these first believers? (*Leaders may also choose other key verses or themes to discuss.*)

NEW LESSON / Read a passage of Scripture. Then answer these three questions: 1. What do we learn from God in this passage? 2. What do we learn from the people in this passage? 3. What should we obey from this passage?

PRACTICE / Practice retelling in your own words the Bible passage or story you just learned.

SET GOALS / Follow- How, specifically, will you follow Jesus? Fish- How are you going to fish for people?

PRAY / Ask God for help to keep your goals and remember what you learned.