

## Meeting 1

- Start your group out by spending some time to get to know one another.
  - Basic stuff: job, spouse, kids, fun fact, TV show.
  - Have some fun, but don't spend more than 10 minutes on it.
  - If your group knows each other, focus on any new people.
- Don't feel the need to explain all the minutia about GO Groups alone. Three things will help with this:
  - **Introductory Videos** (referenced at the bottom of page 3)
  - **Group Covenant**
  - **Appendix A** (page 141)
- Read "Drawing a Line in the Sand" on page 2
  - Switch off readers with each paragraph.
- Four Discussion Questions
  - This is introductory discussion – don't bog down here.
  - You need to be the first to share here. Be open and honest!
  - If they are silent, a good question to ask is, "**Did anything resonate with you on the last page?**"
  - Communicate Purpose – We grow better together.
    - GO is going to help position us under the faucet of God's mercy and grace in our life.
      - When you are under the faucet, you are going to get wet.
      - When this happens, life change is possible!
- Group Covenant
  - 3 Required Sections
    - Covers #1-8
    - Take GOs – ***This group is about a commitment to obedience***
    - Follow Up on GOs – ***This group will be honest, safe, and accountable.***
    - Multiply – ***This group will end.***
      - **HAMMER THESE POINTS UP-FRONT!**
      - If someone doesn't want to sign the Group Covenant because they don't want to be an GO Leader in the next generation, that's okay.
        - This tells you what to be praying for. Our hope is that their heart will change, and many have throughout the course of GO
      - Make sure to explain the Multiplication Process
        - **We break off in pairs.**
        - We are seeking to give others the benefit of a group like this because we care more about the spread of the gospel than keeping this group together.
  - Recommended Guidelines - **EVERYONE MUST AGREE**
    - Every good group I know of has implemented these guidelines well.
  - Additional Rules - **EVERYONE MUST AGREE**
    - Examples
      - We will take turns bringing snacks
      - If there is conflict in the group, we resolve it in 24 hours.
      - Don't Talk about Work (technical stuff, relationships okay)
- Raising the Bar
  - This is the place to bog down!
  - **You will revisit this page in Meetings 20 and 24. So, it's important to do this well.**
  - If you run out of time, have each member complete this section separately.

- **Hand-write a letter to each person in your group**

- **I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THIS**
  - This will unite and bond your group more than you can imagine.
  - This means a lot, even to the men.
- Express these things:
  - That you are thankful they are in the group.
  - That you are excited to see what God will do with them.
  - Respond to something specific they said in the group.
- Here's how I would go about it (remember you only have two weeks):
  1. Ask for their addresses beforehand.
  2. Bring stamped and addressed envelopes with you to the meeting. Leave them in your car or bag.
  3. If you have a co-leader – divvy up who will write to who after the meeting is over.
  4. Write the letters on the same day while your memory is fresh and get them out as soon as possible.