



Hello Journey Group Leaders and Hosts!

Welcome to Journey Groups! Thank you for leading or hosting your group. I am so grateful for your leadership and willingness to serve, we are honored to have you on our team.

### **Our Foundation**

“Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. Let everything you say be good and helpful so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.” -Ephesians 4:3,29

We believe groups are at the heart of a healthy church and a thriving community. Our hope is that everyone who calls Journey home is part of one. We’re here to give you the support and resources you need to lead your group well. This packet includes everything you need to get ready for the semester.

You can find all our leader resources and sermon discussion guides on our groups page at [journeycolorado.com/connect/groups](http://journeycolorado.com/connect/groups).

Thank you for all you do, I am praying for meaningful community and blessings in your group this semester.

In Christ,  
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## LEADER RESOURCES

All resources are available on our groups page at [journeycolorado.com/connect/groups](http://journeycolorado.com/connect/groups)

- Sermon Discussion Guides: Weekly guides with questions for thoughtful discussion.
- Leader Packet
- ACTS Resources: Scripture, books, podcasts, and videos for further study.

## SYSTEMS

### Church Center

This is the app where you can easily manage your group. Use the QR code to download the app. You can also access Church Center at [journeycolorado.churchcenter.com/groups](http://journeycolorado.churchcenter.com/groups).



### Features for Church Center

- Share your group using your group specific QR code. You can also easily text or email the invite to friends.
- Group Messaging
- Take attendance
- See your group details, meeting times/days and members.

## COMMITMENT

Groups thrive on participation and commitment. The purpose of this commitment is to help you discuss the purpose, group goal, and commitments with your group.

### Journey Groups: Their Purpose

*Our purpose is to connect through meaningful relationships, grow through prayer and Bible study and serve one another and our community as we take our next steps.*

#### Share

Each week we will take time to share what is going on in our lives. This sharing can take place through natural conversation and/or using ice breaker questions as we build trust and comfort. We desire to truly know one another and grow together.

#### Grow

We'll study God's Word using the weekly sermon guide or approved curriculum, aiming to apply our faith in everyday life through meaningful discussion and prayer.

#### Serve

Spiritual growth happens as we care for one another. Look for opportunities each quarter to serve within the group and together in our community, using your gifts to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

#### Next Steps

We seek to encourage each other in our spiritual walk as we take our next steps in our faith. At Journey this discipleship path consists of; growing in spiritual disciplines, attending church regularly, baptism, serving, giving, attending steps 1 & 2 of Growth Track and meeting together regularly.

#### Group Values

For our group to be healthy, we need to...

1. Make spiritual growth our priority (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
2. Keep our commitments to the group (Heb 10:24-25)
  - Make attending a priority by being consistent
  - Let your group know if you do need to miss a meeting
  - Follow up with one another when someone is absent
  - Being consistent helps deepen relationships, honors one another and is caring.
3. Care for one another (John 13:34)
4. Accept one another (Romans 15:7)
5. Respect one another (Philippians 2:3)

## PRE-MEETING TO-DO'S

### ONE WEEK BEFORE

- Contact ALL members on your group roster through Church Center, email or phone call.
  - Welcome them to your group
  - Encourage them to download the Church Center app.
  - Provide your group's location, time and other details.
- Ensure your group information is accurate and up to date on Church Center

### ONE DAY PRIOR

- Send Church Center's message to let everyone know you are looking forward to seeing them on the specified meeting day/time.

We encourage food/drinks at your meetings and you can ask your group to bring something based on your plan.

## FIRST NIGHT AGENDA

### Goals For First Meeting

- Meet new members and/or catch up with friends
- Clarify semester direction, commitment and expectations
- Discuss sermon topic (or chosen curriculum)
- Pray for and with your group - pray for meaningful community and spiritual growth

### Essential Parts Of Your Evening

1. Welcome, Mingle, Food and Drinks, learn everyone's name
  - a. Meet people at the door, play music, have food/snacks/drink.
  - b. Remember, arrival is a critical time for new members so connect with them and introduce them to one other person.
2. First Group Discussion
  - a. Have an intro activity or conversation starters
  - b. Discuss group commitment - review meeting times and share Group Purpose and Values listed above. It is important that your group members know you are committed and you look forward to meeting with them consistently.
  - c. Discuss message or cover study plan for your meetings
  - d. Close in prayer - Pray over your group and dedicate this time to God.
3. As you wrap up, keep in mind your closing (or dessert) conversations are just as important as your meeting discussions.