

DNA START-UP GUIDE

HOW TO START A DNA GROUP



- 1. BE COMMISSIONED.** Every potential leader begins by attending a DNA Training, and is then “commissioned” to start a group by either their own DNA leader, a DNA coach, or a High Street pastor.
- 2. PRAY.** Spend a couple weeks asking God whom He might want you to invite on this journey. Allow His Spirit to show you whom He may be leading you to ask, and be aware of who He’s placed around you.
- 3. ASK.** Relying on the Spirit, ask each prospective member to join you. Hope for Yes, but be ready for No. Either way, it’s ok! God will give you the right Yes’s. And who knows? Some No’s may actually be Not Yet’s.
- 4. LET US KNOW.** When you’re ready to start, click *I’M READY TO START MY GROUP* at highstreet.org/dna.
- 5. FOLLOW THE MEETING PLAN BELOW.** *This will help you to start strong!*

FIRST MEETING

- Just hang out together & get to know each other depending on the level of relationship already established (10-30 min)
- Determine the best place & time for your regular meeting (10-15 min)
- Make sure each person has access to the **Gospel Story Guide** (www.highstreet.org/dna) (5 min)
- As the leader, go first in sharing your Gospel story (15-20 min)
- Give the assignment of each person preparing a version of their story with Jesus as the hero for your next 1-2 meetings, and answer any questions (10 min)

SECOND/THIRD MEETING

- Review God’s Story (Creation, Fall, Rescue, Restoration) by giving a simple 2-3 minute retelling of each part of the story. Don’t give lecture-type commentary, but ask questions like, “What do we learn about *who God is, what He has done, and who we are* in this part of the story?” (20-30 min)
- Share your own stories following the Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration format (30-60 min)

FOURTH MEETING

- Review the DNA suggested reading plans and other options and decide on the plan you will begin to work through, based on your stories (20-30 min)
- Walk through an overview of *Discover, Nurture, Act* process using **DNA Meeting Guide** (20-30 min)
- Choose 1-2 short/simple passage(s) of Scripture to practice answering the 4 Questions (20-30 min)

Each week thereafter, simply follow the **Discover, Nurture, Act** process as you meet.

Try to incorporate Prayer & Scripture Memorization into your regular rhythm of life together, as well.