



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY HOSTS

#1 Do I need to be a “Bible Expert” to host?

Definitely not! The most important thing that you need is a desire to serve the people of your group and to grow in your own relationship with Jesus. Chad and Robert will provide the teaching for the small group through weekend sermons and a weekly video during your small group. You will also receive a weekly “Small Group Notes” which walk you through the group session. We don’t expect you to have all the answers.

#2 How many people should I be expecting to accommodate?

We suggest inviting 15-30 people. Then, after the first night, let those in your group invite some of their own friends. In our experience, about half of those who say they will come actually come. An optimal number of people to have in your group is between 8-12, but if more show up, that’s great! If you have less than eight people, that’s great too! Sometimes really meaningful friendships happen in smaller groups.

#3 What is my role as a small group host?

The role of small group host has three parts: Invite, Prepare and Discuss. *First*, small group hosts extend invitations to their friends, neighbors and co-workers. You already have influence with a lot of people in your life. Start with them. *Second*, a host prepares their home for guests. This means getting enough seating, preparing a few snacks the first week and setting a welcoming environment. Your house does not have to be perfect. A clean and welcoming space is all that’s needed. The *third* part is that you will facilitate a conversation. We will provide detail notes and a Discussion Starter Video each week.

#4 Can I get a friend to help me host?

Totally. That is a fantastic idea. By pairing up with another person or couple you can work together to invite people to your group. Make a decision together about where the group will meet and who will bring snacks the first week. Talk through how you will share the role of host. It could be a powerful to work together as a team.

#5 If I am hosting a group during a church-wide campaign, what is your expectation after the series has concluded?

Thank you for your commitment. We are so grateful for your investment of time. At the end of 6-8 weeks each host needs to personally decide what his or her role will be with the group. It is our hope that some hosts would continue with their groups, though we understand if that does not work for you. If that’s not your plan, we ask that you help your group select a new leader and

find a new place to meet. This one good reason to get group members involved during the six weeks through bringing snacks or planning a group BBQ.

#6 What happens during a small group session?

The small group last approximately 90 minutes. It starts with some mingling and snacks. Then there are a few starter questions, followed by a teaching video and some discussion. Each week there will be some conversation about applying the teaching in their daily life. Finally, it closes with a brief prayer.

#7 I am new to Sun Valley and to faith. Can I still host?

Yes. All you need to do host a small group is to register your group online. We also ask that you watch the messages each week either by attending a service or by watching online. This will really help you to be prepared for the conversation when you meet with your group. You will grow a lot through hosting a small group and we are here to help you along the way.

#8 Can I invite non-Christians to my group?

Of course. The teaching both on the weekends and in your group will help both non-Christians and long time followers of Jesus. A small group may be the perfect environment for your non-Christian friend to explore faith.

#9 How do I get people to come to these meetings in my home?

We will provide you with tools to help you invite. We will provide group invite cards, images to use on social media and even some talking points to use in inviting someone. Personal conversation is usually the best way to invite someone to a group. Consider also using a tool like Evite.com to send out a group invitation to your friends and neighbors.

#10 What if someone shares something I don't feel equipped to handle?

There may be times when someone shares a problem that you may not feel equipped to handle. Please reach out to your campus Next Step staff and they will gladly help you navigate the situation or help that person get the help they need. You can find the email contacts on hostcentral.sv.cc or visit the staff page on your campus website.