



LEADER'S GUIDE – Last meeting of spring semester

In your final meeting of the Spring, you will focus on two things: 1.) Reflecting on the spring semester and 2.) Planning the summer semester.

Reflecting on the Spring

Spend most of your time meeting thinking through the last three months. Don't rush through these questions. Give opportunity for everyone to speak. This should be a time of sharing both funny and meaningful moments. Ask them to answer these two questions:

- What have you enjoyed most about this group?
- How has God used this Community Group to grow you personally in your faith?

Planning for the Summer

For the last 15 minutes, transition the conversation to discuss how the group will meet during the summer. For most people, they have a “summer rhythm.” So, it makes sense that Community Groups also have a “summer rhythm.” As a group, you want to decide how you will leverage the summer to deepen existing relationships and make new ones. Below is the summer schedule for Community Groups. Read over it beforehand and consider what decisions you want to make as leaders beforehand and which ones you want to open for discussion to the group.

MEET WEEKLY

As a group, you need to decide if you will keep meeting weekly and go through a study or if you will take a break. For some groups, summer schedules make this too difficult, for others, it is no problem. The Chapel will not be creating sermon-aligned curriculum over the summer (From May - August). If you are meeting, below are two curriculum options that we would recommend and two sites that have a lot more. Please make sure that whatever you choose, you finish up by the end of August, so you can join us for our Fall series through the book of John!

Suggested curriculum:

- *Gospel Centered Life by Robert Thune and Will Walker (8 weeks)*
- *Recovering Redemption by Matt Chandler (12 weeks; video based)*

Curriculum Websites

- www.Anthology.study
- Grace-bible.org/resources/bible-studies-and-publications

PARTY MONTHLY

Regardless if you meet weekly or not, we want every group to do a monthly hangout. For each of these nights, don't worry about jumping into a study, but just hangout. This may be a group potluck, having a swim party, going out to dinner, doing an Escape Room, etc. These are great for deepening relationships between members and inviting new people to check your group out!

- What are some fun ideas for Hangout Nights this summer?
- When will we have our Hangout Nights (Consider choosing a week of the month)?
- Who will be in charge of planning it (We recommend multiple people)?
- Who is one person in your life who would benefit from a group like this? How can you invite them to join our group?

SERVE QUARTERLY

Keeping with the quarterly rhythm, Community Groups are serving together as a group over the summer. By serving together, not only are you putting your faith into action, but you build strong relationships with those you serve alongside.

- How can we serve as a Community Group (see list below)?
- Which month is the best month for us to serve?

Below are the opportunities that we would love for your group to join.

Events:

Camp in the City – *Want to see all the fun being had at Camp in the City first hand??? Sing up to provide lunch one day for approximately 40 Pine Cove staffers on site during that week at The Oaks and you'll get that chance! Camp runs July 1-5. Pick a day to bless hard working college students with a yummy lunch! Contact: Charlotte.smith@thechapelbr.com*

Wildwood Workday – *This is a great way to serve Wildwood! Join us for our Wildwood Work Day this July to spruce up the school before students return in the fall. We'll clean, paint, organize, garden, and so much more...truly something for everyone! This is a GREAT way to serve as a group! Contact: Charlotte.smith@thechapelbr.com*

Sunday Morning:

Guest Services: *A guest makes his or her decision to return to church in the first 7-10 MINUTES! Join our Guest Services team as we welcome people and help them start their faith journey at The Chapel! Oh....and we have a ton of fun while we do it! Contact: vick.green@thechapelbr.com*

Treasure Kingdom: *Join us on a Sunday morning to invest in children from babies to 5th grade! You can partner up with other classroom volunteers and serve at 9AM or 10:45AM. Contact: (Campus location) tammy.mcdowell@thechapelbr.com Contact: (Oaks location) joanne.street@thechapelbr.com*

Ignite: *The summer is all about celebrating that school is out! Students are going between trips and camps and we want to create a place for them to belong on Sunday mornings. Would you be a friendly face to help serve donuts and laugh with 6th-12th graders with us? Contact: Conner Byrd – Conner.byrd@thechapelbr.com*