

Facilitator Guide: Introduction Night

Before you meet: Hopefully you have had plenty of time with your members to schedule your first night together. However, people can tend to forget so please remind them the day before you meet (the more personal the contact the better). Inform your members of all the necessary details like address, time, parking, etc. Remind them to bring their book but they don't have to start reading until after your first meeting.

Be Prepared: Test out the video from the Facilitator Webpage, by playing it and making sure it is working well prior to meeting. Print out any of the resources you need for the night. For this introduction Night you only need to print out one “group guideline” page per-person and any icebreaker games you might plan on playing. Before you meet look through the IceBreaker options on the facilitator page.

Introductory Dinner (optional) Sharing a meal together is always a great way to get acquainted. Basically, the idea here is to have a potluck of some kind, where all your potential members are contacted and have something they can bring to the dinner. This helps the incentive to attend this meeting knowing that the group is counting on their contribution. Base your menu on the size of the group coming.

Goals for the Night: 1. Learn everyone’s names. 2, Know the purpose and power of meeting in ‘Ohana Groups. 3. Receive Prayer.

Getting Started: Welcome and thank everyone for coming and open in prayer.

Introduce one another: Go around the room and take a couple of minutes for each one of your members to introduce themselves. Have them share their name and a little bit about themselves (like how long they have been in Maui or have attended Hope Chapel, where they work, or something about their family, etc).

If your entire group already knows each other, you might have each member answer this question *“So what has God been teaching you through this season of life?”*

Optional Icebreaker Games: This can be a fun way to get your group to know one another and have a little fun at the same time.

Play Introduction Video (11 minutes)

In this video Ben and Kyle will cover some of the goals for Hope Chapel ‘Ohana Groups and about this series Acts Odyssey.

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The following is some of the basic content (no need to go over this with group, but helpful for you to read as the facilitator:

As we grow as a church and more people come to faith in Jesus, we need to grow closer in relationships/community with each other. ‘Ohana means family which is what ‘Ohana Groups are, a family and supportive fellowship. It is our desire for each member of Hope Chapel to be in an ongoing ‘Ohana group.

There is no greater honor on earth than to be part of God’s family. Jesus work on the cross means that no matter your background, race or age, all followers of Christ are Ohana! We learn together, laugh together and lean on each other. There’s a big difference between going to a building and being connected to a calling, a movement, a mission to go into all the world.

We know that for this series you are making an 8 week commitment, but it’s our hope that many of these ‘Ohana Groups would continue and become a place for what we call the 5 S’s.

Social Connection - Fellowship

Spiritual Growth - Discipleship

Safety Net - Ministry

Sharing Christ - Evangelism/Mission

Service - Worship

Divide up into groups of two or three: (2-3 minutes) This exercise is a good time for your group to stretch and consider the information of what they just heard about the series. Have everyone stand up and find one or two others they

do not know so well. Have them take turns sharing why they are here and what they are hoping to get out of this study.

Go Over the Group Guidelines: (See Handout) *(You can print out these handouts ahead of time or have people look at them online using their devices).*

Time of Prayer for every person to be heard and prayed for. The leader is encouraged to write down the prayer requests, pray for them during the week, and follow up when your group gets back together next week.

Homework assignment and 50 day challenge Read, study, highlight, and pray about the insights from the next seven daily readings (Chapters 1-7) Mark up and highlight insights that stand out in each chapter before coming back the next week. Select 2 of your main highlights to share with the group.

Highlight the fact that our whole church is doing this together. Each weekend we will also hear a message from one of our pastors which will correspond to our daily readings. The success for this group and each one of us personally will depend on each member's commitment to do our reading assignments and faithfully attend our small group.

Remind everyone of next weeks 'Ohana Details.