

Forward by Faith...ICOC 3.0

Dreaming about the Future of our Fellowship

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

To gain input from the Holy Spirit working through our leaders around the world, we are encouraging every Regional Family leadership to have meaningful, prayerful discussions about where God wants to direct us in the next decade. Here are some simple guidelines used at the Spring Leadership Meetings to help with your Regional Leadership meetings.

DISCUSSION GROUPS:

Suggestions on how to form and conduct discussion groups.

- 1) Determine the number of discussion groups. The best number per group seems to be 10-12 people to get a variety of thought.
- 2) Assign discussion group leaders who can effectively and fairly direct the groups.
 - a. Select evangelists, elders and teachers.
 - b. These leaders meet before the event begins and after each discussion session to share how to keep improving the groups.
 - c. Topic Questions are given to the group leaders before each discussion group. Each group reports on the results of their discussion at the next meeting with everyone together.
- 3) Assign attendees to groups. One of the key ingredients to the Spring Leadership Meetings success was that each tribe was composed of people from 6 different churches, different roles and of different ages.
- 4) To have some fun, in Dallas we named the 10 discussion groups “Tribes” and each Tribe selected a name.
- 5) Each tribe selects the person to create a visual report and present it to the entire group the next day.
- 6) Assign a Presentation Guru who will gather all the group presentations and put them on one computer so each discussion group can seamlessly present their own results in 5 minutes.

In Dallas, many people commented on the Spirit-led, bonding time they had in their Tribe discussions. (See the [Testimonials](#)).

DISCUSSION COVENANT:

- Each person will be heard and respected.
- Each person will speak with truth and grace.
- The discussion questions are to help us see what we agree on.
- The results are not votes, but insights.

RESOURCES:

- Click here to see a suggested [Schedule Template](#) you can adapt to your own situation and time constraints.
- Click here to see the [Tribe Reports](#) from Dallas for ideas.