

Starting Groups In Your Church

ABC's Of Starting

1. Preach a sermon series on community, *Nobody Stands Alone*
 - ❖ Pastor Milton Adams is willing to share his series.
2. During the last two sermons invite people to register for the training seminar by putting their name, address, phone number and a big T on tithe envelope and place it in the offering plate.
3. Hold training seminar
 - ❖ We will need a Serendipity Bible sign-up sheet.
 - ❖ I will encourage people to begin talking with each other about co-leading a group together.
4. Set up an appointment to deliver the Serendipity Bibles. (Assume they are planning to co-lead.)
 - ❖ Review how to use the Bible and show how easy it is to lead a group study.
 - ❖ Ask them who they would *like* to co-lead with.
 - ❖ Invite them to a co-leaders meeting, Sabbath afternoon at your house. (Provide a light supper.)
5. Your first co-leaders meeting
 - ❖ Ask people to introduce their co-leader. Those who come with no co-leader, try to “prophetically” pair them together.
 - ❖ Give co-leaders 15 minutes to determine the starting date, the [time and location of their weekly meeting](#). See the [Invitation](#)

Post Card.

- ❖ Ask co-leaders to share their starting date, the time of their meeting, and location with the entire group. (You take notes.)
 - ❖ Have prayer as a group, asking God to bring to our minds then people He wants us to invite. Give co-leader 30 minutes to individually make a list of 25 or more people they could [invite](#). If you will hand out a copy of the [Who Could I Invite worksheet](#), you will train them how to use it in their group.
6. Call all co-leaders each week until next months meeting.

“Experienced group leaders have found that you usually have to personally invite 25 people for 15 to say they will attend. Of those 15, usually only 8 to 10 people will actually show up, and of those, only 5 to 7 will be regular attenders after a month or so.”
Home Cell Group Explosion