

GROW YOUR GROUP

Ideas to intentionally build community in your group.

1. **Start a text thread.** Collect everyone's number and start a group chat with everyone in the group and communicate often.
2. **Have a party the first half of a group meeting.** Have everyone bring food and use the time to talk and laugh and maybe play some games.
3. **Attend church and sit together.**
4. **Go out for dinner together.** Decide which restaurant and what date and time during a group meeting or through a text thread. Talk through childcare options if applicable.
5. **Attend a sporting event or a concert together.** If one of the group members has a son or daughter playing a middle school or high school sport, consider attending a game together.
6. **Watch a movie together at one of the group members house.** Everyone bring their favorite movie snack and drink to share. Consider an outdoor movie if possible.
7. **Celebrate birthdays and anniversaries with cake and ice cream.** Get a running list going and add these special days to your digital calendar and set reminders a few days ahead of time.
8. **Schedule a hike together.** Decide the location, date, and time of the hike together at a group meeting or through a text thread.
9. **Serve together.** Schedule a service opportunity for the group to participate in together. See voxchurch.org/outreach for ideas.
10. **Have a backyard cookout.** Watch some football, play some yard games. Have everyone bring their own meat to grill.

* Set a goal with your Community Group to accomplish at least one or two of these ideas in the next few months. Discuss this at a group meeting and coordinate schedules so everyone can prioritize it.

