



How to Plan Your Connect Group's Future for the Next Season

As the season draws to a close, you're faced with a decision: should your Connect Group continue meeting next season, or are members better off going their separate ways? This document will help you evaluate your group and determine what next steps you should take.

SHOULD THE GROUP CONTINUE?

Some groups may last for several seasons, or even years. Others are better served meeting for the short term. Be honest as you decide whether your group should continue meeting.

Evaluate yourself. Where are you at as a facilitator? Are you excited at the prospect of facilitating again? Do you feel burnt out? Does the time commitment of being a facilitator work with your schedule?

Get input from group members. Ask for honest feedback. If most of your members want to continue meeting, sign up for next season. If not, it's OK to go your separate ways. It doesn't reflect poorly on you as a facilitator.

IF THE GROUP WILL CONTINUE...

Let King of Kings know you'll be continuing next season. Determine if the group will be open to new members or will remain exactly as is moving forward. Call (402-504-9050) or email (dan@kingofkings.org) Dan Hoppen with updates.

Determine who will facilitate the group. Will you remain the facilitator? Or will you hand the reins over to another group member and empower them to facilitate? If a change is made, make sure you let Dan Hoppen know.

Decide if changes need to be made. Is your meeting time and location still convenient for your members?

Discuss which study you'd like to take part in. Ask your members what topics they're interested in and talk about different options.

IF THE GROUP ENDS...

Give yourself grace. A group's ending does not mean you are a bad facilitator. Groups can end for several reasons: members enter a different season of life or experience schedule changes; the group chemistry overall might be off; your members may want to meet new people, etc. Bottom line: a group's breakup does **not** mean you failed as a facilitator. It can be just the opposite: you helped nurture many individuals who can now go out and multiply by joining or facilitating other Connect Groups.

Let King of Kings know the group won't be meeting again. Determine if you want to facilitate a new Connect Group next season. If so, decide what you'd like to study and add your new group to next season's catalog.

Thank group members for their time and participation. Tell your members how much you enjoyed getting to know them and ask them to stay in touch.

End in prayer. Thank God for bringing your group together and for everything He's done through the group. Ask that He bless each member individually as you begin a new chapter.

Identify other potential facilitators. As the season progressed, you likely noticed leadership traits in a few of your members. Have one-on-one conversations with them to let them know you see potential in them and encourage them to consider becoming a facilitator next season or down the line.