






4G Group Time Facilitation Outline

Each 4G Group Time is divided into three distinct components referred to as the Three-Thirds (3/3) Process. Each of the three components should take no more than 30 minutes. Note: This does not include any “Fellowship” time Groups may have beforehand or after. If your group typically has a meal, snack, or prayer request time, please plan for this outside of the Three-Thirds.

1/3 FIRST-THIRD:

ENCOURAGEMENT: After an opening prayer, participants partner-up to ask five short and simple questions. Partners should be of same gender and if there is an odd number, triplets are OK but need to work swiftly. (For online/Zoom participants they might call their partner on the phone during this section.) The Encouragement section should take no more than 5-10-minutes.

Partner A asks partner B these five questions:

-  “Did you spend designated time in the **BIBLE** each day this past week?”
This is a “Yes” or “No” question. Any hesitations or “Well...” responses are recorded as a “No.” (B) circles Y or N in their booklet.
-  “Did you spend specific time in **PRAYER** each day this past week – not including meals?”
This is a “Yes” or “No” question. Any hesitations or “Well...” responses are recorded as a “No.” (B) circles Y or N in their booklet.
-  “Did you do something specific to show **LOVE** to someone this past week?”
If so, (B) briefly shares the encounter (with A) and writes the name of the person(s) they showed love to on the line provided in their booklet. If not, leave the line blank.
-  “Did you intentionally share the **GOSPEL** with anyone this past week?”
If so, (B) briefly shares the encounter (with A) and writes the name of the person(s) they shared the Gospel with on the line provided in their booklet. If not, leave the line blank.
-  “Did you **DISCIPLE** anyone this past week?” (Ex: Sharing last week’s lesson or how to do 1-4 above)
If so, (B) briefly shares the encounter (with A) and writes the name of the person(s) they discipled on the line provided in their booklet. If not, leave the line blank.

Next, partner A prays for partner B. No matter how partner B has done over the past week, this is an intentional prayer of **encouragement**. Partners then switch roles, B asks A the five questions and prays. Partners might call during the coming week to follow-up and continue **encouraging** one another.

LOOK BACK: This section should take no more than 15-20 minutes.

- Have a few of the participants **review** last week’s lesson. Then go around the Group and have participants answer the posed question – did they follow-through on last week’s **Application** assignment? Group leaders/facilitators need to be prepared to answer as well.
- Finish this section by praying a brief prayer of praise for those who did follow-through and encouragement for all to follow-through over the coming week. (This is a good place for a worship song or two.)

2/3 SECOND-THIRD:

This is the new lesson for the week and typically begins with an ice-breaker question (Tell:). (5-min)

LOOK UP: Watch the Group Guide Video and briefly recap this week's Gathering message. (5-min)

LOOK IN: Review scripture and ask the provided questions. (20-min)

- Leaders/facilitators must keep the discussion on topic and make sure everyone is encouraged and allowed to participate.
- Back-up questions: What do the verses say about God? What do they say about man? Is there a sin to confess? Is there a command to obey?

3/3 THIRD-THIRD

LOOK FORWARD – Application: This is the most important section to fulfill. (30-min)

The goal of this section is for each participant to leave with at least one task related to the lesson they are committed and commissioned to complete over the coming week.

This is the "What are you going to **DO** with what you learned?" section.

- *"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock." MATTHEW 7:24*
- *"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not **do** what I tell you?" LUKE 6:46*
- *"If you know these things, blessed are you if you **do** them". JOHN 13:17*
- *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a **doer**, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a **doer** who acts, he will be blessed in his **doing**. JAMES 1:22-25*



KEYS:

Transparency: Led by the leader/facilitator. This is where true **life-on-life** happens. This is personal. This is a time of real and true Christian **fellowship**. BUT, allow individuals to share transparently in their own comfort zone. What happens in the Group stays in the Group.

That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 1 JOHN 1:3

Teamwork: As individuals, each determines what task God is leading them to do. The Group then works together as a **team** to design a plan to carry out the individual applications over the coming week.

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another. PROVERBS 27:17

Expectation: Not only **expect** each participant to complete their task but **expect** God to show up and lead it.

*But He said, "**Blessed** rather are those who hear the word of God and do it!" LUKE 11:28*

Prayer: Strategically *commission* one another with fervent **prayer** for the application tasks God has commanded each to do. Then Go with God.

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. JOHN 15:7 (God is committed to fulfilling the things that are His idea.)