

Gathering People

You will more than likely attract people who are like you. So, invite people you hang out with; those who are in the same life space; those with similar interests. Above all, invite people prayerfully, being open to God's direction.

And church meetings offer a great opportunity for connecting with people who are seeking closer relationship with God and others. Your church likely has many people attending services and events who still need connection to a vibrant small group. Some of them may not know Christ yet, others are new believers, and others are Christ-followers wanting to grow and make a difference in the lives of others.

Weekend Celebrations

Pray about who God will lead you to that day. Invite new or unattached people to your home or out for coffee to get to know them. Invite them to your Small Group.

Come to Sunday services early and stay late.

Spend time in the foyer before and after services. You'll meet new people there.

Try sitting in different places in the auditorium-you'll meet more people that way.

If there is a Small Group Interest Area in your building, spend time there between and after services to meet people and answer questions.

Newcomer Events

People new to the church are looking for friends and connections. Attend or serve at the Welcome and Membership events or classes of your church. Introduce yourself to people there and invite them to visit your group.

Other Church Events

Attend other church events and classes with your eyes open to who is coming alone. Invite those who want to get more connected to your small group.

Three Questions to Ask People You Meet

Hi, my name is _____. What's your name?

How long have you been coming to the church?

Have you gotten involved in a small group yet? (If they haven't plugged into a group yet, invite them to try your group or help them find a group that might better fit their needs or schedule.)