

Leading A Small Group | DESIGNING THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT

What Do I Need to Know?

close enough so each person has eye contact and can hear one another easily, but not so close people feel uncomfortable or their personal space is being invaded.

- Meet in a location where you can control distractions and interruptions as much as possible. Unplug the phone and turn down the volume on the answering machine. Put a sign on the door to prevent people from knocking. Turn off the TV. It's also not a good idea to meet in a room where outside noise can interfere with your group.
- Provide refreshments (especially in the first few weeks) to help warm up the group and give people some- thing to do at the beginning of the meeting.
- Make sure you have good lighting to create a warm feeling. No one should have to look into the sun or toward a bright window. Likewise, avoid dark, catacomb type rooms. You are developing fellowship, not film.
- Choose a location where you can freely interact and carry out the content of your small group plan. Make sure you have any equipment you may need.
- Bring extra Bibles. Some group members may forget to bring one or won't have a readable translation.

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