

## **First Meeting of the Year** (Sample Agenda)

**Disclaimer: This is to be used as a tool, make tweaks as you see fit for your group.**

- Start with an ice-breaker or something fun that will help people get comfortable and get to know each other.
- Have time of opening prayer
- Cast vision of what can happen in Small Groups and how great they can be—tell a personal experience possibly.
- Talk about what you plan on Small Group being like for the year (how often, how long, etc)
- Do a Bible study quickly like the Acts 2 study
- Discuss what it will take to see these benefits realized in this group
- Look at the characteristics of a Healthy Small Group (emphasis importance of commitment)
- Do History giving!!!— Go fairly quickly on everything listed above so you have plenty of time for history giving. Make sure you end on time!! So either state everyone may not get to share tonight up front, or make sure everyone shares.
- Have people draw their “Do this” Partner for the week if you decide to actually do this : )

**Cast vision for a strong Christian community!**

**What is Christian community? What are characteristics of it? What are its benefits?**

Talk about the importance of getting to know each other. Our goal is to walk with Jesus together and if we are going to go on this journey together then we need to get to know each other. You can use the analogy of our lives being a book. We just met recently, but our book is on page 230 and we have no idea what pages 1-230 say. So, if we are going to walk out the next pages together then, we need to get the Cliffs notes version of what the beginning of the story says. So, we are going to spend the majority of the first weeks building relationships and really getting to know each other. Then we will be ready to grow leaps and bounds in the weeks ahead.