

A Meal and A Movie

Life Groups Summer Outreach
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Purpose: Schedule a Summer Life Group meeting to invite friends, family, and neighbors to join your group for a meal and a movie.

Actions:

1. Pick a Date and a Place – if a member has a neighborhood you want to focus on, try to have the meeting in their home.
2. Plan to Invite – spend some time thinking and praying about who to invite to your meeting. Personal invitations are always better than texts, emails, or social media blasts (even if you have to knock on a few doors!) Even if you only end up with one guest, it could be life changing for them. Friends and family members that don't normally go to a group might find that they would like to do this more often. You don't have to have the whole neighborhood participate to make this a success. Trust God to gather the right people at the right time. But you still have to invite!
3. Plan the Meal – A great summer BBQ is always a hit. But you can customize it to fit your group. Consider asking people to bring a dish to share to increase their buy-in and commitment. Even guests may like to feel like they are contributing. Seems like it may be time for an old-fashioned potluck!
4. Plan the Movie – *The Jesus Revolution* has been a hit at the box office, and provides a great story and powerful testimony to the power of God to change a life. It also gives some great talking points about marginalized people, the failures and success of the church, and how God can use people to accomplish his will. The timing seems right to make this movie the focus of the event. You can show the movie in your living room on your TV, especially if it is a larger screen. There are several ways to access the movie:
 - Borrow a DVD or Blu-Ray disc from the church. We have some copies available.
 - Purchase a DVD or Blu-Ray disc from Amazon or other carriers for about \$15.
 - Stream the movie on to your TV using any of the following platforms: YouTube, Amazon Prime, Google Play Movies, Apple TV, Roku, or others. All are priced at about \$6 to rent or \$10 to buy.
 - If you have questions, contact Steve Whitney for help.
5. Plan a Debrief – If you have guests that are not believers, you will want to keep the ending very casual. Maybe a simple question at the end like, “Does anyone have any thoughts, comments or questions?” If so, spend a little time in discussion, but keep it brief. If there is a lot of dialogue, consider inviting everyone back the next week to discuss it in more detail.
6. Share your Results – Note on your next Life Group Attendance post any details of your event. Remember, even if your group invites people and they don't come, your evening can be a success as you share the story of how God worked in Greg Laurie's life with your Life Group. Make your plans, and leave the results up to God!

Check out Greg Laurie's Thoughts: <https://harvest.org/resources/gregs-blog/post/how-to-watch-jesus-revolution-from-home/>