

Keeping it Engaged

(6 fundamentals of keeping your group engaged)

1. Keep it real *(Know Your Group):*

- Know everyone by name.
- Start with a question. A relational “Get-to-know-you” question.
- Testimonies: on a regular occasion have members share their stories of faith.

2. Keep it focused *(Preparation):*

- Prepare well: Read through questions, scripture, concepts and applications
 - Don't think since it's a discussion that you don't need to prepare.
- Prepare meeting location:
 - Food?
 - Background music?
 - Remove distractions

3. Keep it Fun *(Be Creative and Imaginative):*

- Be creative: Use games, video, entertainment to aid in discussions
- Vary your routine: don't always do the same thing.

4. Keep it interactive *(Facilitate Don't Teach):*

- Facilitate discussion: ask great open-ended questions
- Get everyone talking: ask specific individuals questions
- Occasionally take the opposite viewpoint: We are here to learn not always to agree.
- Watch for tangents: Use a question to bring the group back on focus.

5. Keep it on time *(Time Management):*

- Watch the time: 45 minutes of discussion is average.
- Be open to the spirit's leading: If there is good discussion going on, conclude bible study, but encourage those that want to continue the discussion to stay.

6. Finish Well *(Finish Strong):*

- Give a challenge: become a doer of the Word.
- Ask about previous prayer concerns: How is God working in your group?
- Pray together: Ask for concerns & praises.