



## How to Lead a Connect Group

This is an exciting week for me. I am launching my first book this Sunday, plus we are officially opening our fourth campus in Lloydminster, a city that straddles the border of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The book is called My Victory Starts Here and it is a 40 day devotional designed to set the foundation for what Christianity is all about. It's a great resource for new believers and was written based on the discipleship program we have been running here at My Victory for the past 2 years. In that time we have led over 1000 people to Jesus and have been able to incorporate over half of them into the regular life of the church and ministry. We're excited about the retention of new believers and even more excited about releasing this book now as a tool for our church members to use to lead their friends and family members to Christ and then be equipped disciple them.

The book is available for order now on my website, [kellystickel.com](http://kellystickel.com) or on [amazon.ca](http://amazon.ca).

The 40 day devotional will be accompanied by a 6 week new believers course that will take the form of a comfortable small group. We think that life change happens best in a small group setting and that the best way to make a disciple is through relationship. We didn't want to create a classroom style new believers course. We wanted to create relational based disciples as we feel this is the best way to mature in Christ over the long term.

I want to give you an overview of how we do small groups, or as we like to call them connect groups. We want to avoid the typical bible studies or small groups that has one predominate teacher who does all of the talking. Instead, we want to create discussion groups that are based on relationships and biblical discussion.

Here is what we encourage our group leaders to do:

1. Encourage \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Ask great \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Cultivate \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

Our suggested meeting schedule:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ time (10 minutes)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (10 minutes)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (18 minutes)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (5 minutes)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (45 minutes)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ does is say?
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ do you think it means?
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ do we do about it?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ (10 minutes)

Resources:

- [My Victory Starts Here](#) by Kelly Stickel