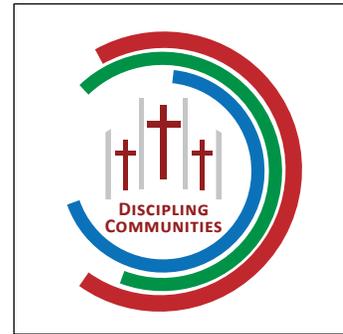


Discipling Community Resources

50 Ideas for Fellowship as a Discipling Community



The relationships among members of a Discipling Community are part of what makes the group effective and successful. That's why we believe that having a *sense of family* is a key indicator of a healthy Discipling Community. To grow with others, you have to know others. Prayer, worship, study, discussion, service, and fellowship are all important. The unstructured moments are as important as the structured ones. Not only does fellowship help develop relationships, but fellowship events are a great opportunity to invite and connect new people into the community (another indicator of a healthy Discipling Community). Often people, especially those who aren't disciples yet, are more willing to come to a cook-out for the first time where you are eating, playing games, hanging out, and getting to know one another.

Here are a bunch of different ideas for fellowship. Fellowship doesn't always mean having fun. It can take many forms where you are together as a group. This list is by no means exhaustive. Some of these will be a good fit for your Discipling Community, and some of them won't be. It's a starting point for the group to discuss, plan, and implement ideas. Don't forget to do it together; even that strengthens relationships, identity, and participation.

1. Have a party the first half of the group meeting. Have everyone bring food, and use the time to talk and laugh and maybe play some games.
2. Have a group picnic.
3. Go to a baseball game.
4. Clean a widow's house.
5. Serve in the church nursery or children's church together.
6. Play softball.
7. Have a married couples' date night.
8. Visit and hold a worship service in a nursing home.
9. Attend a Christian conference or seminar.
10. Go for a bike ride.
11. Camp together.
12. Mow and clean up a retired person's lawn.
13. Serve food to the poor and homeless in a soup kitchen.
14. Serve as greeters or parking lot attendants for weekend services.
15. Have a cookout.
16. Go bowling.

17. Play volleyball.
18. Take a short-term missions trip.
19. Go out to eat at a nice restaurant.
20. Challenge another Discipling Community in a game or contest.
21. Take Christmas dinner and gifts to a needy family.
22. Watch a group member perform in a concert or play.
23. Go for a hike.
24. Help a group member do a home improvement project.
25. Have a holiday party.
26. Watch a special TV program.
27. Play board games.
28. Have a theme party and dress accordingly.
29. Visit a museum.
30. Go Christmas caroling.
31. Play soccer.
32. Go shopping.
33. Have a birthday party.
34. Have an international dinner with a missionary.
35. Have a scavenger hunt.
36. Have an all-night prayer meeting.
37. Attend the funeral for the family member of a group member.
38. Play basketball.
39. Serve as counselors or sponsors at a youth activity.
40. Paint a needy person's home.
41. Play Frisbee golf.
42. Bake cookies.
43. Serve the local school system together.
44. Go canoeing or rafting.
45. Have a housewarming or dedication party.
46. Go to a concert.
47. Run an obstacle course.
48. Play paintball.
49. Have a pool party.
50. Go on a prayer walk.