

10 Myths: Leading a d.group

- 1) **A d.group must meet every week.**
A d.group meets a minimum of two times per month. It is up to each group and each leader to decide what is best for the group.
- 2) **The church dictates when my d.group should meet.**
A d.group can meet on any day that works for the group. Normally a d.group will meet for about two hours. Sometimes you'll meet longer, sometimes shorter. The time frame is up to the leader and the group.
- 3) **To be a d.group leader, my life needs to be all-together.**
If this was true, nobody would lead. God has always used imperfect people to fulfill His purposes. As a leader you need to have a passion to bring people together. The leader doesn't "do everything", but encourages others in the group to use their gifts.
- 4) **d.groups are for couples or families.**
A d.group is made up of the people that God is calling together to meet and grow in knowledge and application of the Bible. Sometimes it may be all men, women, singles, couples, or a mixed group; it depends on the needs of group members and the topics to study.
- 5) **The church tells people which d.group to join.**
Ideally, your group is made up of people you have asked to join. At times the church will recommend your group to someone if they contact us and tell us they are looking for a d.group.
- 6) **I need a large, clean home for a d.group to meet.**
Not at all! If your home is too small for the size of your group, then share that with the group and just skip your home in the rotation. Some groups will meet in offices, restaurants, or coffee shops—some even meet here at the church. You choose where your group will meet.
- 7) **Only couples can lead a d.group.**
Individuals or couples may lead a d.group
- 8) **Leading a group means that I have to do everything.**
The best leaders find others who will join in with them to create an effective small group. Ask others to share in the tasks that will promote healthy development of the group as well as allow others to improve their leadership skills.
- 9) **Leading a d.group requires long-term commitment.**
The group should commit to one series or study topic. When the series is complete, the leader and group members may decide the direction of the group. Your group continuation is encouraged, but not mandatory.
- 10) **A d.group leader must be well-versed in the topic of study.** Leading a d.group requires facilitation of a discussion. There are many DVDs and other resources that will be used as tools to guide the study session. The greatest risk, in this role, is a willingness to participate in intentional conversations that allow people to come together to learn about and build a stronger relationship with God.