



# SMALL GROUP TIPS AND TRICKS

## HELPING YOUR GROUP EMBRACE MISSION

There is nothing more important than the mission that Christ has called us to be a part of. In fact, mission is the only thing God has called us to that cannot be done in Heaven. The only time we have to complete our mission is here on earth. Following are some simple ideas to get your group off the couch and into the mission field.

### **1. 60 Minute Mission Activity**

Surprise your group one night by having a 60 minute mission activity planned rather than your usual group activity. Without giving away the secret early, it may be wise to warn your group that they should dress comfortably.

### **2. Adopt A Local Cause**

There are plenty of opportunities in your own community to serve. Adopt a family who is in need, or an elderly couple who can't take care of their yard. Volunteer regularly at a school or a homeless shelter.

### **3. Adopt An International Cause**

Find a ministry or church in another country and support it with prayer and finances. You can do local fund raisers to generate funds for your international mission partners. It would be great to try sending at least one person from your group on a trip to serve your international partner as well.

### **4. Have A Party**

Host a block party together as a group and invite the entire neighborhood. Invite everyone at the party to church. During the party intentionally identify some needs in your local community. Ask your neighbors how your group can serve the neighborhood. Then in the weeks following the party you and your group can meet some of those needs.

### **5. Be Creative**

Talk openly to your group about being in Mission together. Pray about the specific Mission that God is calling your group to tackle. Brainstorm together about the ways you can serve the world together and be a light for Christ Jesus.