

ESPN

Every Charge Group includes key ingredients that identify it as a WALK Church Charge Group. These elements ensure that all our groups, regardless of type, help people find community and take their next steps in walking with Jesus. These ingredients are summed up by our acronym, ESPN.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Everyone needs encouragement! One of the main reasons we gather as a group is to build each other up. The first ingredient to a successful group is encouragement. Cultivate a life-giving atmosphere and empower the group to build-up one-another during the times you meet and throughout the week.

SCRIPTURE

God's Word is living and powerful. He uses His Word to encourage, challenge, and clarify the next steps in the lives of group members, so every group should include a scripture element. Unless you are a study group, we strongly recommend avoiding environments where the Word might be open to interpretation or debate. Instead, use God's Word to encourage one another and point people to His truth and goodness for their lives.

PRAYER

Prayer is an essential ingredient in every group. One of our core values at WALK Church is God Dependence. We must point people to God as their main source of dependence through prayer. It is true that God uses one-another to meet needs. However, without God working in and through us, we are powerless. Prayer turns our attention off our circumstances and onto the One who promises to use our circumstances. (*Romans 8:28*)

NEXT STEP

We believe that everyone has a next step. God uses the group to encourage one-another to take next steps. By faith, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the encouragement of the group, we get to guide others to take their next step(s) with Jesus.

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

-1 Thessalonians 5:11