

Examples of Community Builders

Examples for the first few meetings or after a long break:

- 1. Two Truths and a lie:** Hand out little slips of paper and pens/pencils and have everyone write down two things that are true and one that is a lie. Then the whole group tries to figure out which one is the lie as each person shares.
- 2. I didn't know that:** Tell the group something about yourself that people wouldn't normally think to ask.
- 3. Unexpected day off:** Have everyone answer how they would spend a day they got off unexpectedly.

Examples after 4 or 5 weeks/meetings:

- 1. What is the best/worst thing that happened to you this week:** Sometimes "best/worst" can hang people up so just modify it to "good/bad". I like to have people answer both because it tends to balance out the sharing. It can be a bummer to be sitting in a group after everyone shares a bad experience. 😊
- 2. Pockets:** Have everyone share about the meaning of one thing they have in their pockets or purse. What does it tell about the person?

Examples after 3 to 6 months:

- 1. The Weather Report:** give everyone 10 to 15 seconds to check in on how they are feeling using weather terms. "Earlier today, tornadic activity ripped through but now it's just partly cloudy." After everyone shares a second "community builder" could be to give people who want a minute or 2 to elaborate or ask questions.
- 2. Guess Who:** Write something down about yourself on a slip of paper and throw them in a bowl. Each person pulls one out and reads it and the group tries to figure out whom it is. You may not want to reveal the "answer" until all the slips have been shared.

Example for after a year or more:

- 1. More than a word:** "When, if ever (depending on who is in the group), did God become more than a word to you?"
- 2. One day:** "If you could relive one day of your life, which day would it be?"
- 3. One thing change/keep the same:** If you could change one thing about yourself what would it be and why? If you could keep one thing about yourself the same what would that be and why?