Welcome

Start by spending some unstructured time together. Eventually, transition to a welcome question, either general or specific.

- General Question: What was the highlight of your past week? What was the roughest part?
- Specific Question: What was your favorite part of Midweek Group this past year?

Scripture Memorization

Throughout the first quarter, your group will be challenged to memorize texts that pertain to work being done in the group.

Read this passage aloud together a three or four times, and ask a few volunteers to practice saying it from memory.

> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
> **Ephesians 2:10**

## Activity: Draw Your Life Story in 5 Minutes or Less

Time: 5 Minutes as a group, then 2 minutes per individual
Supplies: A piece of paper and pen or pencil for each person in the group.

Over the course of the quarter, we'll be listening to each other's stories in order to help us each name our vocation. The following activity will provide a method for everyone in the group to tell their story in five minutes or less.

1. Hand each person a piece of paper.
2. On you paper draw the "t" shape that makes the axis of a graph.
3. Label the X axis (horizantal) "Time" and the Y axis "How Life Felt"
4. On the X axis, label from 0-your current age.
5. On the Y axis, label from write "good" at the very top and "bad" at the very bottom.

6. Draw a graph of your how your life felt over the years. Mark major points, graduations, marriages, births, big moves, etc. *Spend no more than five minutes drawing your graph.*
7. Give each person two minutes to share their drawing. Be sure to say "you only get two minutes tonight, but that's okay because we'll have more times to tell our stories throughout the quarter."
8. Have fun!
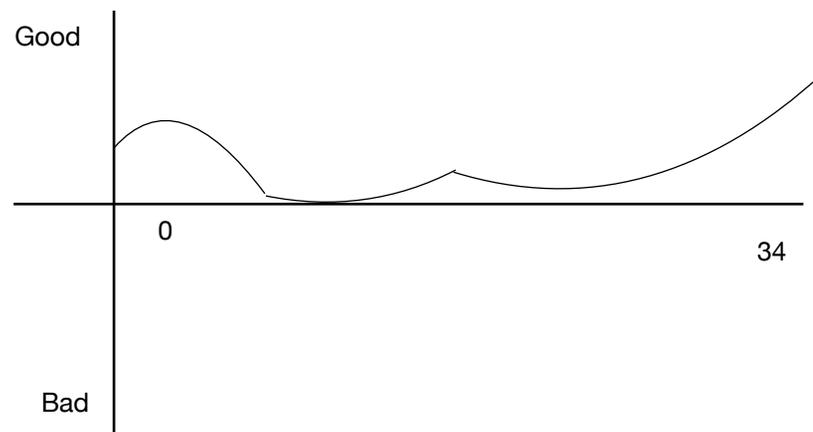
Pray Together

Spend time praying together for hopes, dreams, joys and needs. Make sure at least one person records the prayers and sends them to the rest of the group.