

GUIDELINES FOR STARTING A CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD STUDY GROUP

Congratulations to answering your soul's calling and stepping up to facilitate a CwG Study Group.

Please read through the list below as it may be helpful in the process.

1. All Study Groups are independent of the ReCreation Foundation and Neale Donald Walsch. A CWG Study Group is not allowed to use any logo of The ReCreation Foundation nor state any type of connection with the Foundation or Neale Donald Walsch in its advertising, online or in any fashion.
2. When starting up, some suggestions are that you can advertise your group in a variety of ways:
 - flyers
 - classified ads
 - speak about CWG at bookstores
 - word of mouth
 - on your Web site
 - on your blog
 - eVite www.evite.com
 - your newsletter
3. The role of Facilitator is the person who may be selecting the location, managing the time, working with the flow of the meeting, etc. A facilitator is not a person who knows all of the answers. The facilitator gently leads the direction of study and discussion in the group.
4. Most groups meet weekly or once or twice a month. Some groups in the United States set themselves up through www.MeetUp.com.
5. Meetings are usually 90 minutes to 120 minutes long. It helps for participants to know the start and end time for the group. Groups that continue for over two hours can become exhausting for members and the dropout rate tends to increase.
6. Serving refreshments is optional.
7. Taking a Love Offering or collecting some type of fee is optional.
 - a. Sometimes group members contribute to offset the cost of renting a space in a church or community center, for example.
 - b. Some groups collect money to save up to send a member to one of Neale's powerful Retreats.
 - c. Other groups collect money for the practice of seeing it as spiritual energy.
 - d. And, some facilitators collect a fee because they place value on their time and service.
 - e. Many groups do not collect any type of payment during their group.

The choice is up to you.

8. We ask that all Study Groups only study the CWG Material. There is a Guidebook for Book One, and there is also the *Cwg Companion Book* that is wonderful and covers the first three books and all may be purchased through our web store (www.cwg.org) . Your group may wish to study each book, one at a time or use the audio CDs. You may also purchase Conversations with God the movie for use in a study group meeting.
9. The ReCreation Foundation is happy to provide you a *free* listing on our Web site at www.cwg.org . You may contact Alyse Rynor, CWG Study Group Coordinator to do this at studygroups@cwg.org . We are happy to list groups that are considered 'active'. Active groups have been meeting at least six times and will continue to meet.
10. When you submit your group for listing, please send it in to Alyse in the following format:

COUNTRY:

STATE:

CITY:

FACILITATOR:

PHONE (optional):

EMAIL:

11. Since it is our desire to best serve our readership in providing active Study Group listings, we believe that the facilitator will assume the responsibility of notifying the Study Group Coordinator with any updates or changes to your contact information. And, please do remember to let us know when the group comes to an end, so your listing can be removed. We are always happy to list it again in the future, should you begin a new group.
12. If you have any further questions that were not answered here, please feel free to send an email to Alyse at studygroups@cwg.org and be sure to put STUDY GROUPS in the subject line.

We all wish to welcome you to this journey. We believe you will find it an exciting next step in the DOingness of who you are BEing in your life.