

Better Together

Week One | We're Better Together

Introduction God never intended for us to live life alone. We need people by our side, especially as we follow Jesus. That's why we like to say that we're **Better Together!** And here at First Orlando, Better Together happens in Groups. A Group is where we get to walk side by side with others as we navigate life and faith. Over the next 4 weeks, these guides will walk you through a conversation about what it means to be a Group.

Instructions The sections below will help you guide the conversation. The "Getting Started" section serves as a quick opener and introduction to the conversation. In the "Big Idea" section, feel free to use only some of the questions. The goal is to have a meaningful conversation around God's Word. Finally, the "My Life" section is to help you identify where in your life God is speaking to you. Whether you're an experienced Group leader or you've never led before, these sections are simply guideposts for the conversation! We recommend slowing down and letting everyone answer, rather than rushing to finish.

Getting Started 10 minutes Let's start with a few icebreakers! After introducing yourselves, chat through the following questions, one at a time. Where did you grow up? Who was your best friend in elementary school? What is one childhood memory that you remember vividly?

Big Idea 15 minutes Let's dive in. Read John 1:9-12. If possible, have a different person read each of the verses. To begin, what word or phrase stands out to each of you in the passage? Why does that word or phrase seem important? Now, here is one big idea to highlight from the passage: "No matter who you are, you can join God's family." What amazes you about that? In Christ, we are a family. That is the core of what it means to be Better Together. Has church felt like a family to you? If so, when?

My Life 15 minutes Let's finish by asking God to help us identify where He is speaking to us. Here are a few final questions. What is one thing from this conversation you want to remember a week from now? Is there a specific thought related to being part of God's family that you need to write down? Is there anyone in your life you need to share this conversation with? Is there anyone you need to thank or apologize to?

Conclusion Let's wrap it up! Thank everyone for investing in the conversation. Does anyone have any prayer requests? Does anyone have any pressing needs? Does anyone have any questions? Be sure to share any important information about your next Group time. Otherwise, close the time by praying. Then we can grab some more snacks!