



Informational Gathering Guide

Now it's time to host your event!

Sample Format:

Welcome and Refreshments: (15 – 30 minutes) Welcome your friends, guests, and neighbors.

Introduce yourself as they arrive. Make sure that you have name tags for everyone. Allow people to mingle and eat for about 30 minutes. Coffee and food are a great way to create a welcoming environment. (You can ask friends ahead of time to bring some light snacks and definitely accept help if someone offers.)

Conduct the meeting: (30 – 45 minutes) At this point, you can gather everyone together and start the meeting. Introductions or Conversation Starters are a great way put everyone at ease. Share your story about why you are starting your NBS and explain what a Neighborhood Bible Study is. For example, “An NBS is a community of women gathering together in a safe, casual environment to study the Bible. It is all denominational and no experience is necessary. The only requirement is that the women consider the Bible worth studying.”

- **Give NBS details:**

Day, time, place, Bible Study selected, and how to acquire the materials

- **Create a sense of ownership:**

♥ We have found that you should enlist other members to help out with the NBS. As women take ownership of different areas, they become invested. Invested women become consistent. Consistent women grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Allow others to invest in the ministry and actively participate in the study, as well as in God’s work in the neighborhood. You can explain the opportunities that are available for the NBS and pass around a Volunteer Sign-up Sheet. Make sure to get their contact information.

- As you learned in the Open Heart section, prayer is vital to your study. You may want to close in prayer, thanking God for bringing these women to the NBS and for what He has planned for each woman as well as for your neighborhood.

Expectations:

♥ We have found that it is essential to communicate the expectations and basic guidelines for your NBS. You may want to put them in writing.