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Leaders' Resource



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# INTRODUCTION

A strong start is key in having a good overall experience

- a. The way Connect Group starts sets the tone for the rest of the meeting
- b. The atmosphere we set at the beginning affects the entire experience
- c. In this guide, we'll cover a few simple tips to make sure that CG starts off strong

**GET IN EARLY**

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1. There is nothing more awkward than sitting around in silence waiting for the host to arrive.
2. If we appear rushed or arrive in a hurry, we won't be able to set the atmosphere well.

**DEFINE THE START**

## DEFINE THE START

1. Say something to indicate you're starting. *“Let's get started!” “Let's kick things off tonight.”*
2. People need to know when Connect Group has officially begun so they know how to respond.

**GREET AND ACKNOWLEDGE  
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## GREET AND ACKNOWLEDGE EACH PERSON

1. Greet each person by name and say something to acknowledge them.
2. Encourage encourage encourage! Not sure what to say? Prepare some compliments beforehand.
  - a. Eg. *Hey Pam, good to see you! That's a nice background you've got there/You're looking sharp today!*

**KEEP EVERYONE IN  
THE LOOP**

# KEEP EVERYONE IN THE LOOP

1. When someone joins in halfway, let them know what's going on
2. Clue them in on the topic of conversation, or the question that's been asked
  - a. Eg. *By the way, we're just answering the question "What was your best moment this week?" and Pam was about to go next!*

# CONCLUSION

Own the atmosphere of your connect group, help your CG start strong, and create the best online experience with these 4 simple tips!