

Setting up a Workplace Christian Fellowship or Prayer Group

Many respondents to our Readers' Survey asked for advice on setting up a workplace Christian fellowship or prayer group. BeaconLight are grateful to [Christians@Work](#) (a UK based charity providing support to Christians in the workplace) for permission to use their ideas and suggestions in the guidance that follows.

Establishing anything new takes commitment, time and energy. But with the Lord's help nothing is impossible! It is our prayer that many of you will desire to set up Christian groups in your workplaces to encourage one another and to share the good news with your colleagues who don't yet know Christ.

First Steps

1. If more than one Christian is already keen to start a Christian Group at work, meet together to pray about it, seeking the Lord's wisdom and leading.

2. Talk together about your vision and aims for a group. You may like to use the following questions to help you:

What is a workplace Christian group for?

i.e. encouraging and supporting Christians and providing an opportunity to witness to colleagues about Christ

What kind of activities do we need to meet these aims?

i.e. a regular meeting, plus a range of other events or activities such as testimony evenings, or a Carol Service etc.

How often will you meet? When? Where?

Weekly, fortnightly etc. Many groups meet at lunchtime for half-an-hour.

What demands will the group make on individual Christians?

Christian groups at work should be run so as not to put large time burdens on any one person. It might be best to share the administration of the group between 2 or 3 keen members rather than have 1 administrator.

3. List all the Christians you know in your workplace. Consider how to approach them (i.e. by letter or personally).

Next Steps

Asking Permission

Once the preliminary thinking is done it is time to ask permission from the management for the group to exist, use facilities, advertise its events etc. It is a good idea to pray before during and after any conversation with them regarding the group.

Programme Planning

Set your programme with times and rooms. Decide what you will study and who will lead each meeting (if you are going to include Bible Study as part of the group).

Promoting the group

Advertise the group – perhaps you will be given permission to send an email to all the employees in your workplace. Alternatively flyers and notices can be given out to all.

Witnessing to others – a few ideas

- Send Get-Well cards to colleagues who are off sick or in hospital
- Set up an intranet website
- Arranging a Carol Service
- Distribute Christmas cards to all employees
- Arrange an evangelistic lunchtime seminar
- Organise a series of "Just Looking" events
- Order a bulk supply of the "Jesus Video" to give away free