

## The "Foxhole"

### FORMAT:

Here is the basic format for the Foxhole meeting that meets twice a month. Of course you can be flexible with this but the good thing about having a format is that it helps the leader stay focused and not allow the group to deviate too much on things that aren't going to help the men.

1. Casual Conversation and Snacks (if desired)
2. Quick Testimony from one of the men, *"Where has God been active in your life this week?"*
3. Prayer Requests and Group Prayer
4. Discussion
  - a. Begin the discussion (using the DVD and / or leaders handouts if applicable)
  - b. Wrap-up and point to the next meeting (provide date, location, etc.)
5. Closing Prayer

### POINTMAN NOTES:

- Lead by example: This is a personal journey for each man. When it comes to more vulnerable questions, we suggest you go first.
- Stay focused: Don't let the conversation wander too far off of the topic or goals of the session. This doesn't mean you can't be flexible, however.
- Deal with the non-stop talker: Some men want to dominate the conversation and talk about their life the entire time. With love and firmness, you will need to cut him off when it becomes apparent that he is going on and on.
- Shut down the doctrine-cop: At some point you'll encounter a man who doesn't really want to learn from the other guys, rather he wants to make a doctrinal point or take a stand or even pick a fight.
- Help the wounded man: As you move forward you may encounter a man who is so deeply wounded that he starts to fall apart in the group. You want to love him but you don't want to let him take over the rest of the time. Don't turn the group into a counseling session.
- Confidentiality: Every man must agree and sign a commitment form that nothing gets passed along outside the group. What's shared in the group stays in the group.
- No Teaching: There are many gifted men and some of them, including you, will be tempted to take the stand and begin teaching others. Make it clear that we're here to engage with each other in discussion. We are ALL the teachers.
- Don't try to Fix-it: Respect the men by not trying to fix each other or offer advice. One of the main reasons they want to offer advice is so that they don't have to share their own story.