

FAQ

The Gathering and Its Elements

1. *What is the Gathering?*

- a. The Gathering is a midweek opportunity for generations to gather around tables for the purpose of fellowship, encouragement, prayer, and Bible Study.

2. *Why are we moving away from Wednesday night activities like Converge and Prayer & Devotion?*

- a. We wanted to maximize one of the only times we have at QSBC each week to pull our members together into the same room.
- b. We believe generations need each other. The Gathering provides us the opportunity for generations to be gathered so that we can learn and encourage one another.
- c. We will still provide opportunities for age groups to connect with those in the same life stage in other times outside of 6:30pm to 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings.

3. *Who is The Gathering for?*

- a. All Generations, including College students, Young Adults, Median Adults, and Senior Adults.

4. *Should I invite people to join me at The Gathering?*

- a. Yes, we want this to be something we can invite our friends and family too.

5. *What happens if our table discussion goes shorter than planned or takes a different direction?*

- a. If you finish discussion early, feel free to move into prayer time.
- b. If your discussion takes an unplanned course, your table group leader will help redirect the conversation back to the provided questions.
- c. If additional assistance is needed, staff will be available to help.

6. *Will there be any worship at The Gathering?*

- a. Yes, occasionally we will have a time of worship at The Gathering, but it will not be weekly.

7. *Will we still have a focused prayer time?*

- a. Yes, we will have designated time to pray around our tables each Wednesday. We will use the Spotlight as a guide as well as take prayer request from members around the table.

8. *Will we still have the spotlight?*

- a. YES! It might look a little different, but it will still contain the important information that is currently on it.

The Tables

9. How do I find a table?

- a. The tables are open groups, meaning you can sit anywhere you like. Table leaders will be assigned a table and ready to receive you.

10. What is expected of me at the table?

- b. As a member of a table, we expect you to contribute to the discussion, practice active listening, attend as consistently as you can, and encourage your fellow table group members.

11. Are the tables required to be intergenerational?

- c. We encourage our tables to have multiple generations at them, but we want to sit where you are most comfortable.

12. When does a new table start?

- d. When a table hits the maximum of 8 people consistently, we will encourage one or two people to begin a new table.

13. Are the tables supposed to be co-ed?

- e. Tables are led by Table Group Leaders. The Table Group Leaders are both men and women. Tables can be all female, all male, or co-ed. We want them to organically form each week. Please sit where you are most comfortable.

Table Group Leaders

14. What topics are we going to be discussing?

- f. We will cover a variety of topics including some of the following:
 - i. Doctrine
 - ii. Relationships
 - iii. Apologetics
 - iv. Books of the Bible
 - v. Biblical Characters
 - vi. Fruit of the Spirit

15. How do I become a table group leader?

- g. Talk to one of our staff members about what you need to do to become a table group leader.

16. What are the expectations of the table group leaders?

- h. Active and growing personal walk with the Lord Jesus.
- i. Able to show kindness and care for those whom they will gather with.
- j. Willing to engage new people and help them get connected.
- k. Able to facilitate conversation and keep it moving.
- l. Identify, develop, and launch new table group leaders

17. What are the requirements for Table Group Leaders?

- m. Attend table group leader training.
- n. Find a substitute table group leader if gone.
- o. Make sure group reads scripture, discusses it, and prays together.
- p. Communicate with staff about table member's needs or concerns.

18. What happens if my table group leader is gone?

- q. They should have a substitute lined up, but if no one is there, feel free to take the lead by grabbing the information on the table.

Staff Involvement

19. How will staff be involved?

- r. Staff will participate in table group discussions but will not lead.
- s. Staff will teach the main teaching point each week.
- t. Staff will help with welcome and closing each week.
- u. Staff will lead any special nights we might have.
- v. Staff will help connect people to table group leaders.
- w. Staff will help set up and tear down each week.

20. Who will be teaching?

- x. Staff will teach the main teaching point from the stage. The table group leader will facilitate discussion around the table. The design of this concept is for there to be discussion around the table than lecture style teaching.

21. Will the pastor be involved?

- y. YES! The pastor will be involved as much as he can from participating at a table to leading from the stage.