

9 Month Goer Group Overview

9 Month Groups (GMC's or Goer Missional Communities) provide a next step for people who want to learn how to engage in cross-cultural ministry and prepare for overseas deployment. For nine months, these teams live in community and reach out to internationals in their cities with the intention of moving overseas. They are mentored through close relationships with Launch Global and Church staff.

Launch Communities are for people that have, above all, a passion for Jesus. That passion spills over into a passion for His Kingdom and for being biblically strategic in our efforts to complete the Great Commission. These communities exist to equip disciple-makers intending to go to the unreached.

During the course of the 9 months you will:

- be trained in multiplication rhythms and gospel tools
- develop a go plan including healthy potential teams and teammates
- learn about healthy team conflict
- grow in abiding
- Experience cross-cultural disciple making
- Have bi-weekly meetings with a Mobilizer for coaching and mentoring
- Solidify your calling

COMMITMENT

Each participant commits to a weekly 3-2-1: Three hours of time with Jesus, two hours of intentional relationship building and evangelism with internationals, and one hour of corporate prayer with other Launch Community members. All of this happens in the context of community, and our community is deepened by having an outward goal. By focusing on cross-cultural disciple-making, we grow closer to each other. Additionally, going out to share Jesus in pairs or groups makes us more effective.

Each Launch Community has up to 20 participants who are committed to seeing the Great Commission completed. This focus drives the participants into deep times of fellowship, prayer, Bible study, and accountability as the team lives and ministers together as a missional community.

- 3+ hours weekly with Jesus
- 2+ hours weekly with lost people with other Launchers
- 1+ hour weekly praying with other Launchers
- 2 hours weekly book reading
- Live close to the community

HALF-TIME

Our weekly meeting is called "Half-Time" because part of what makes Launch Communities so unique is that the bulk of the experience and training happens outside of the actual meeting times. The Half-Time meeting is an opportunity to pause once a week, come together with the large group, and participate in the following:

- Sharing a meal
- Worshiping and praying
- Debriefing and sharing testimonies about the week
- Discussing the daily Scripture readings and learning assignments
- Making plans related to ministry for the upcoming week

Launch Community participants learn by doing. That's why we call our meetings "Half-time." They are simply an opportunity to pause once a week and report on what God has been doing in the last six days. We pray and encourage one another, plan our next week of ministry, and discuss books, articles, and Bible passages about relevant topics. When the meeting is over, the real training begins. It's not enough to just know information about best ministry practices. The heart of a Launch Community is learning to live out these practices in our everyday lives.

Some of the topics we cover in Launch:

- Discipleship
- The Kingdom of God
- Church planting
- Contextualization
- Victory over bondages
- Team communication
- Support raising

RETREATS

Each Launch Community takes at least two weekend retreats together during the year. These retreats provide focused training and experience in evangelism, understanding personality and spiritual gifts, freedom in Christ, and conflict resolution.

- **Multiplication Retreat**
Spend a weekend focused on learning and practicing various evangelism tools and techniques. Learn how to share stories about Jesus from the Bible and your own life in a natural context.
- **Conflict Resolution Retreat**
One of the greatest factors that causes workers to leave the field is issues within their teams. Learn healthy techniques and methods for dealing with interpersonal conflict and practice good communication skills.
- **Goer Gathering**

In October, Launch Communities from around the country come together for a time of worship, encouragement, networking, and intensive training.