**Launch meeting agenda**

You only get one chance at a first impression. The first week is focused on members of the group getting to know you and the other members. Our *strong* suggestion is that you have a meal or a potluck for the launch week. Sharing a meal creates a relaxed environment and helps to remove barriers. Include your Core in planning your first week.

**WELCOME**: Put on name tags, greet people individually, and provide snacks and drinks.

Take a few moments and introduce yourself – share occupation, how you met your spouse, kids ages, years at Seabreeze. Express your excitement about the group and taking next steps in spiritual growth together (the group will reflect your level of enthusiasm).

Allow time for group members to introduce themselves. Explain that they will only get to use name tags for the first three weeks, so it is important to get to know each other’s names. Include: name, spouse’s name, where they grew up, family, career, and how long have they attended Seabreeze.

**Fun Ice Breaker Question** (Have fun, create your own questions)

Þ If you had a time machine that would work only once, what point in the future or in history would you visit? Why?

Þ If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Þ If you HAD to give up one of your senses (hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling, tasting) which would it be and why?

**COMMITMENT FORM:** *Present the Commitment Form and walk through it line by line.*

Ask everyone to fill out the front of the Commitment Form together with your group’s meeting details. The other side describes the goals of Growth Groups and the commitments required to make group a priority. Read through it with the group, then ask everyone to sign and date at the bottom. Each

member is to keep their own bookmark.

**Items of emphasis after going through the Commitment Form**

Þ **Winter Calendar and** **Weekly Reading:** Review bookmark

Þ **Service Project**

**PRAYER**

Prayer — the Growth Group leader prays for the upcoming season, inviting God’s wisdom and understanding, and for the group members to be receptive and willing to apply what God shows them. (5 minutes)

**DISMISS**

Ending Suggestion: “Thanks again for coming. It was great to meet you and I look forward to getting to know each of you and to explore our next steps for spiritual growth together.”

**Total time not to exceed 90 minutes.**