

Family Gatherings for Be My Disciples – Gathering Timing

It is recommended that a minimum of **Three hours** be dedicated to each gathering with approximately five minutes between each segment for to allow for movement (if using a model where family groups stay together for the entire time, then movement periods can simply be break time). The time dedicated to the gathering can be adjusted as needed. **Adaptations** may be needed for group sizes, and available facilities. **Variations** could include time for a meal/snacks depending on the day/time that is chosen for the gatherings. For example, if meeting on a Sunday morning, the gathering may include Coffee & Donuts; Sunday afternoon gatherings might include a light lunch; weekday evening would likely need to include an easy dinner (pizza etc.)

See the Summer Program Guide page 28 for details of the welcome, discover, wrap-up and prayer periods.

Following is a sample timing for gatherings:

15 – 30 Min: Welcome

This gathering time should include Meet, Great, Eat, Pray, Icebreaker/Opening activities. (See Suggests/Summer Program Guide) (If a full meal is a part of the gathering, allow 45 min – 1 hour)

5 - 10 Min: Move to grade level group spaces (Adults stay in gathering space)

50 Min: Children: First Chapter - Discover (parts 1 & 2), Teach, Reinforce, Connect

Parents: See Options for Parent(s)

5 – 10 Min: Break

50 Min: Children: Second Chapter - Discover (Parts 1 & 2), Teach, Reinforce, Connect

Parents: See Options for Parent(s)

5 – 10 Min: Move back to large gathering space and rejoin family

20 Min: Let's Wrap It Up!

The Wrap-up should include a reinforcement activity, and closing prayer