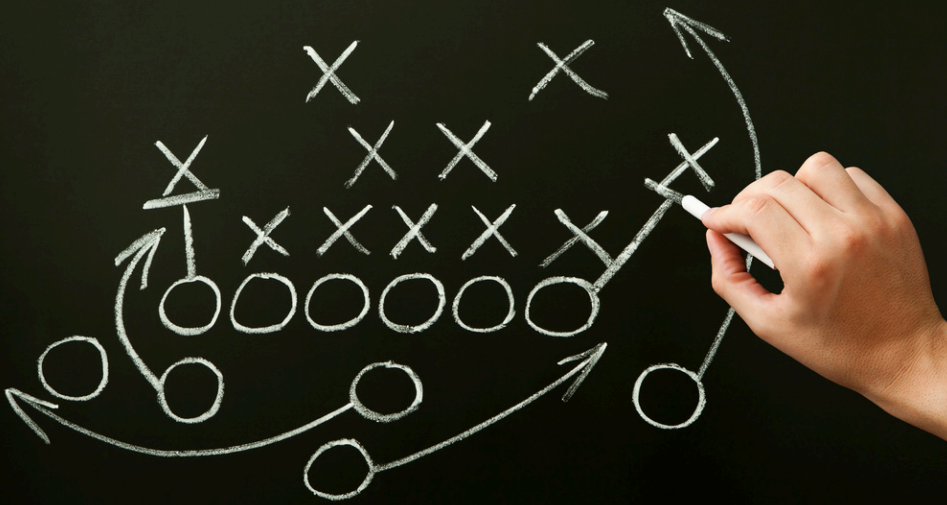


HUDDLE PLAYBOOK



A Guide to Huddles at New Horizon Church!

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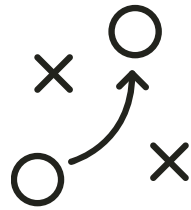
A huddle is a small, gender-specific group that seeks to equip one another in the gospel for the purpose of producing leaders that reflect Christ in all spheres of influence.

The Huddle Moto:

ANYTIME that fits inside your routine of life.

ANYWHERE that provides an easy environment to talk.

ANYONE that desires to grow and engage in the gospel together.

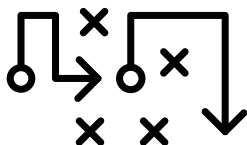


Huddles are usually formed out of existing groups with 3-4 people and are gender specific.

Each huddle typically lasts around an hour to an hour and a half in an agreed upon time and location.

HUDDLES VALUES:

Huddles are aimed at addressing heart change that leads to outward obedience. These values are the key feature of what a huddle does together and what separates it from other groups.



Intentional Conversations

With God's Word and each other. We aren't just having a time to vent about the week, but a time of conversation around what God is teaching us in His word.

Individual Commitment

Show up, join in, and be real. Huddles do not work if members do not get engaged. Do not be the member that always has to make an excuse why they didn't prepare or show up each week.

Involved Community

Life is better together. This looks like being involved in each other's lives enough that you know each other's hurts, habits, and hang-ups and can help them through it.

Interceding Confession

The bible is clear that Christians that are mature are the ones that are constantly confessing their sins for God's intervention in their life and confidently praying with others for accountability.

Imitating Christ

The goal of every huddle is to actually see reflections of Christ form in every member. Every huddle should produce an action step in response to what we learned from God's Word for their spheres of influence.

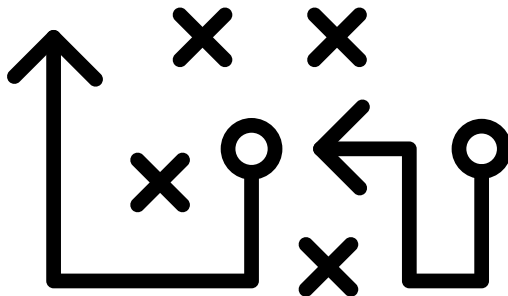
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Step One - Pregame Warmup:

Huddles begin before the meeting. Each huddle studies **Aspire: Transformed by the Gospel** and discusses together.

Each Huddle member will study the assigned Aspire chapter, read associated Scripture, and answer each question in the chapter.

Be sure that you complete the assigned resource because your Huddle leader will not only ask how the gospel has impacted you that week, but may also ask you to lead the discussion.



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Step Two - The Actual Huddle:

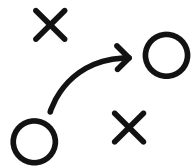
Meet together to discuss the truths of God's Word to form a plan of obedience. Huddles are asking three directional questions: UP, IN, OUT.

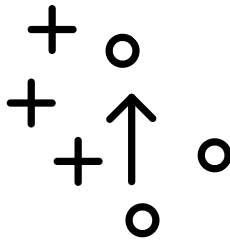
When we huddle, we discuss what God taught us in His word over the week in *Aspire*. Then, we discuss how those truths impacts our relationship with God, Family, and the World.

The goal of these are to help you have pointed discussion about how to grow and to become a leader in every sphere of influence.

Pro Tips:

The directional questions should focus each member on certain areas of obedience. Example: How am I growing in devotion to God, how am I being missional, how am I serving, how am I leading others, how am I fighting sin?





UP: "How does God want me to look Up at my relationship with Him?"

Spiritual Practices:

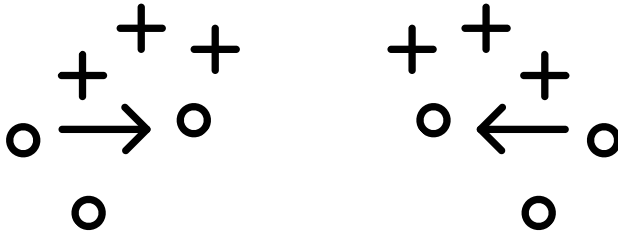
- Bible study, Prayer, Memorization

Example Questions:

- How have you felt yourself challenged to obey God this week?
- What areas of growth have you identified in your own spiritual life?
- How has the passage changed/challenged my view of God?
- Has this passage revealed a sin I need to repent of and need help fighting?
- Has this passage increased my enjoyment of God this week?
- How can we celebrate the movement of God this week?

Pro Tips:

- In your first few huddles, teach a lesson on "UP" and how to do a bible study and prayer.
- Set expectations that each member is expected to read, journal, memorize, and pray to grow in their relationship to God.
- Aim to address how their devotion to God is growing or is struggling and how to change.



IN: "How does God want work in me for my family and church?"

Spiritual Practices:

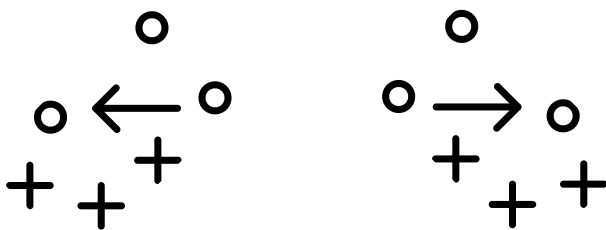
- Confession and Discipleship

Example Questions:

- How is your soul feeling and why?
- Is there a specific sin area in your life that you need to ask for forgiveness from someone?
- How are you currently using your finances to glorify God?
- How does this passage impact my role in my family?
- How does this passage impact my role in my church?
- Have I been a blessing or curse to my family and church family?

Pro Tips:

- Teach "IN" and how to confess sins and have godly accountability.
- Set up the expectation that the goal is for everyone to lead a huddle themselves.
- Aim to address how sin is being fought and how their relationships in the church are growing.



OUT: "How does God want to work OUT of me to influence others with the gospel in the society I am placed?"

Spiritual Practices:

- Evangelism & Mission

Example Questions:

- Is there anything (school, work, technology, etc.) isolating you from an important relationship?
- Who have you poured into this week with what you are learning?
- Is there an unbeliever in your life that you are intentionally engaging spiritual conversations with?
- How does this passage burden you for someone in society around you?
- How does this passage call me to love my neighbors?

Pro Tips:

- Teach "OUT" and how to share the gospel in the first few weeks to set the expectation that everyone can and should be sharing.
- Aim to address how each person is applying God's truth in daily influence.

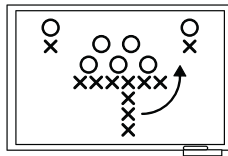
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Step Three - Execute the Play:

Huddles are not complete until obedience is applied in our daily walks with God. If we simply studied and held each other accountable you failed at discipleship. Huddles gather to execute a play of obedience.

Therefore, each week should give each member a specific step of obedience to live out that week. Small steps of obedience over time lead to a life-long disciple-maker.

So, think with the knowledge we just learned, what experience should they participate in that allows for feedback from the group and influences where they live, work, and play.



Example Format: 1-1.5 Hours

- Five minute welcome and discuss the past week.
- Five minute practice the memory verse.
- 30-minute discussion about the Aspire study. "What did God teach you in the scripture over the week?"
 - Think: What text most challenged and impacted you this week?
- 30-minute discussion around the questions of Up, In, Out.
 - Focus on one questions from each category that pertains to application in their life. See questions above for tips.
- 5-10-minute devoted prayer and steps forward in obedience.

Expectations:

ONE:

These are not designed for casual participants. Huddles are for people that are willing to commit to a year of time to be formed by the gospel in an intimate community. Therefore, commitment expectations should be set at the start of a huddle to hold each other accountable towards.

TWO:

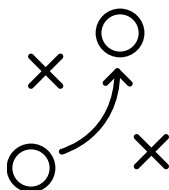
From huddles, each member will be expected to lead a huddle after a year. This will lead to more people having access to maturing discipleship platforms and see our people start owning the mission of God. Think, what is an area of influence I have that could use a huddle. Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime.

THREE:

Each huddle will practice the values and spiritual practices involved in Up, In, Out.

It is suggested to use the first few weeks to teach on these values and how to practice the spiritual disciplines practiced in huddles for those that may not know.

You may have people that have never had a good quiet time, prayer life, or missional influence before. Train them in consistency. Remember: We are growing as we go.



Tips for Leaders:

ONE:

Your job as a leader is to aim for three things: Knowledge, Experience, and Coaching. Each week think: What knowledge did they learn, what experience can they practice with it, and how do I provide feedback for them to grow in it?

TWO:

Engage people not just the material. A huddle is designed to have pointed discussion with the men and women in your group on how to grow. Make sure to ask questions that delve deeper into their lives. Examples of this could be: "Do you feel like you are surviving, thriving, or dying in this season?", "How can we be a resource for you fighting that sin?", "How is your soul feeling?"

THREE:

Meditate on what was said and what step for execution was decided at huddle and remember to follow up. This helps people see huddle isn't a moment that happens twice a month but a continuous partnership.

FOUR:

Call people to a higher standard than you expect of them, and they expect of themselves. Practically, this means holding them accountable to the reading and obedience of execution. "What prevented you from finishing the chapters this week and how can we do better next time?" Or sharing honestly what's going on, "Why does this sin seem to keep winning?"

FIVE:

Start anything difficult you are asking of them yourself. If you want commitment, preparation or vulnerability from them it starts with you showing it first.

SIX:

Guide your Huddle to complete Aspire I and II, then send them to replicate what they've experienced with someone else.

