

# “Flight Plan: 4 Weeks to Launch” ATG Small-Group Kick-Off Program

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## What it is:

The Flight Plan program was developed by Central Coast Men's Ministry to help local churches and ministries launch men's small groups. We will be promoting this program during the *Awaken the Giant* conference and encouraging each man to sign up at the Flight Plan table. This will be our primary way of helping you get your men into their own small groups.

## How your church can be involved:

Individual churches and ministries can host their own “Flight Plan” at their facility. We would encourage your start date to be within a week or two after the *Awaken the Giant* conference. The idea is to get your Flight Plan underway while the energy of ATG is still fresh with your guys. As a host of the Flight Plan program, you will need to be prepared before the October 9<sup>th</sup> ATG conference as we will have church-specific sign-up sheets at ATG for your church.

## How it works:

A “Flight Plan” consists of four meetings—one per week—hosted by a leader you've selected ahead of time. When these four weeks are complete, the guys attending your Flight Plan should be ready to transition into their own ongoing small group, having chosen their group leader, when they'll meet, and ideas for their study material.

Your Flight Plan setting should be hosted in a room at your church large enough to accommodate all the men who have signed up. Ideally, tables should be set up to seat around four to six men. Keep in mind that each of these tables will be a potential, new small group.

The Flight Plan leader will need to select a study ahead of time. This study will be the basis for discussion over the four weeks and should give your guys a good feel for small-group culture. The intent is not to complete the study within these four weeks—just to get a good start during this time. Consider what study would be a good fit for your guys as this may be what they choose to take with them when your Flight Plan is over. If they feel they'd like to do a different study, no problem. The important thing is getting small groups established.

Each Flight Plan meeting should have two basic segments. The first part should be the Flight Plan leader opening in prayer and introducing that week's study material. Depending on the study you've selected, this time may include reading a chapter's introduction, watching a video, or giving some of your personal small-group experience. The second part is where each of your men's tables goes into their own discussion along with question-and-answer time. During this part, the Flight Plan leader should be assisting with any hang-ups and fielding any questions that come up at the tables.

During your first meeting, your Flight Plan leader should spend some time discussing small-group culture including confidentiality, dynamics, and commitment. This is where the small-group experience of your Flight Plan leader will be valuable. He should also elaborate that each table will need to select their table leader who will likely become their small-group leader when your four-week Flight Plan is complete.

## Sign up and prepare:

Pre-register to host your own Flight Plan or ask any additional questions by e-mailing us at [info@awakenthegiant.org](mailto:info@awakenthegiant.org) or by calling 805-310-7446 (Aaron) or 805-471-4595 (Gary).

*“You cannot walk alone. Not without Christ. Not without brothers.”*