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  - Your meeting location
  - Your lesson
- Childcare** — Don't ignore this. Think through some options.
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- Mixer** — Get everyone talking. Introduce the topic in a fun way.
- Vision** — Each week, remind one another why your group exists.
- Bible discussion** — Focus on application. WHAT will they do? Let them share.
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