



CHRISTIAN GRANDPARENTING NETWORK Frequently Asked Questions About G@P

- Question:** How many grandparents are needed to start a G@P group?
Answer: Two or more praying grandparents. Christ said, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them” (Matthew 18:20).
- Question:** Is there a limit to the number of grandparents in a group?
Answer: Theoretically, no. Many groups find it beneficial to limit the number to 8-12 members and then to break into two groups when the initial group exceeds that number.
- Question:** How often do G@P groups meet?
Answer: This decision should be determined by your group. Some G@P groups meet weekly, bi-monthly or monthly. The most important thing is the group meets on a regularly scheduled basis.
- Question:** What is the structure of the meeting?
Answer: Structure should be determined by your group. Some groups begin with fellowship, while some begin with a brief devotional. Others meet only to pray.
- Question:** Where do the groups meet?
Answer: Normally, meetings take place either in homes or at churches, where there is a limited number of distractions. Once again, this decision is determined by your group.
- Question:** How long do the meetings last?
Answer: One hour is the recommended time limit. (This prevents getting off-topic.)
- Question:** What resources do you recommend?
Answer: Some of the G@P groups are using the book *Grandparenting with a Purpose: Effective Ways to Pray for your Grandchildren* as a discussion guide. The book provides helpful resources for intentional prayer and challenges grandparents to model a standard of moral living in an immoral world. The book is available for \$10.50 including shipping at <http://www.gdptpr.com>.

Question: What is required from the members?

Answer: Grandparents need to give a verbal commitment to being a part of the group. While situations arise and emergencies occur, grandparents should attend as many meetings as possible.

Question: What is the cost?

Answer: There is no monetary cost. Christian Grandparenting Network simply requests groups to contact us with the facilitator's email address and the group's meeting times.

Question: How are privacy issues handled?

Answer: G@P groups provide a safe place for grandparents to share openly. We recommend ensuring privacy in the following manner:

1. Each group needs to stress that whatever is shared within the group is confidential; whatever is shared within the group, stays within the group.
2. Any grandparent concerned about privacy issues should refrain from referring to his or her grandchild by name. Instead, "my grandchild" or "my grandchildren" should be used.
3. Relationships will form as the grandparents pray together. Privacy becomes less of an issue with groups who have developed trust among their members.
4. Grandparents need to pray only for their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. By restricting prayers for extended family members, neighbors and friends, privacy issues are decreased.