

Introductory Session or Pastor's Coffee at a Glance

Stage	Steps	Time
Preparation	Complete the preparation steps outlined.	In Advance
Welcome / Objectives	Have participants sign in, welcome the group, introduce yourself, and review overall study and session objectives.	4 minutes
Opening Prayer	Read a prayer from the Leader Guide, offer a spontaneous prayer, or invite a group member to pray (ask in advance).	1 minute
Introductions / Overview	Ask participants to introduce themselves by sharing their name, faith tradition / denomination, 3 facts about themselves, and 1 question they have.	15 minutes
Orientation	Share Class Objectives and Review: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Church History, Structure, and Beliefs. 2. Local Church Mission, Vision, Values. 3. What Church Membership Means. 4. A Disciple's Path Covenant. 	25 minutes
Looking Ahead to Next Week	Instruct participants to complete Week 1 in the <i>Daily workbook</i> and read chapter 1 in the <i>Companion Reader</i> (if possible) before the next session.	5 minutes
Take Home Message / Closing Prayer	Stand in a circle and have participants share one thing from the session that most clearly spoke to them. Offer a closing prayer or invite a participant to pray.	5 minutes