

Dads Check-In Meeting Agenda Six-Week Mark

WELCOME & AGENDA (5 minutes)

- Celebrate: We're all on an adventure together, committed to each other's success
- Share resources: We'll exchange learning, ideas, and create opportunities to help everyone succeed
- Stay positive: Look for ways to support and encourage one another
- **Ground rules:** Add any meeting-specific guidelines, recording permissions, etc.

OPENING PRAYER (2 minutes)

INTRODUCTIONS (10 minutes)

Each dad briefly shares:

- Your name
- Your apprentice's name and age
- Where you are in the Aion Path process (which envelope you've completed)
- Why you chose to do this

PROGRESS CHECK (20 minutes)

- 1. Skills List (Envelope #1):
 - Have you uploaded your 30 skills to the community platform?
 - Someone share about creating the list together—any surprises?
 - Do you have confidence you can accomplish these skills?
 - o What skills are you most excited about?

2. Building Your Team (Envelope #2):

- Anyone need help identifying potential guides?
- Brainstorm potential guide candidates (spiritually mature adults):
 - Church members (from this or other congregations)
 - Family members or neighbors
 - Coaches, mentors, or community leaders
 - College students or young professionals
 - Add locally relevant suggestions

3. General Questions:

- o What's working well so far?
- o Where are you getting stuck?
- o How can we support each other?

LOOKING AHEAD & INSPIRATION (15 minutes)

- Overview of next stages (Envelopes #3-4)
- Introduction to the 30 Conversations phase (Envelope 5)
- **Special focus:** 12-week spiritual formation video series, *Foundations for Life*.
- Additional inspiration/testimony as appropriate

COMMUNITY BUILDING (8 minutes)

1. Father/Apprentice Group Activity:

- Brainstorm potential group experiences to help form bonds in our cohort
- Consider splitting: fathers with sons/fathers with daughters for specialized planning

Activity suggestions:

- Skills-sharing gathering around a fire pit
- Skills workshop (cooking class, basic car maintenance, first aid, etc.)
- Partner with local adventure/outdoor organizations
- Insert locally relevant activities
- o **Timing:** schedule within the next 6 weeks, before the next meeting.

2. Next Meeting:

- Proposed date: [6-8 weeks from current meeting]
- Timing rationale: Middle of 30 Conversations phase, prior to starting Foundations for Life

- Prioritize this meeting: Treat this meeting as a high priority. You may not feel like you need it, but there are dads here who need you. Commit to being here for each other.
- 3. Contact Exchange: Share contact info with each other to stay connected.

PRAYER SUPPORT (10 minutes)

- Take time to share specific prayer requests for each other and your Apprentices, and then pray. Don't rush this step!
- Prayer Partnerships: Pair up for ongoing encouragement.

FOLLOW-UP:

- Send recap email with resources discussed and next meeting details.
- Form a text group or GroupMe group of all the dads in your cohort.
- Consider capturing video of dads talking about the journey, why they are doing it and success they have had so far.