

FIRST FACULTY GATHERING

BRING:

1. Food/drink so there's a sense of hospitality
2. Whiteboard or flip chart with markers (unless there's a whiteboard in the room already)
3. Pen
4. Sign-Up Sheet

TIME	ACTIVITIES	MATERIALS / SETUP NEEDED
5-10 minutes	<p>WELCOME & INTRODUCTION</p> <p>Give a warm welcome. Say an opening prayer. Pass around the sign-up sheet with a pen.</p> <p>Let's go around and introduce ourselves. Please tell us your name, school, position, and field of research along with one sentence about (choose one—explain there will be more time to talk so just want one sentence):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was your favorite class in college? • What is the best advice anyone gave you about being a professor/staff? • What do you love the most about your job? • Where is your favorite place on campus? • What is your favorite place to eat near campus? 	<p>Snacks/Drinks Sign-up Sheet Pens</p>

	<p>NOTE: Feel free to create your own question—preferably one that helps folks focus on both campus/their work AND is positive.</p>	
<p>7 minutes</p>	<p>WATCH FACULTY MINISTRY VIDEO Link to view and download video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand out the Faculty 4 Loves Bookmark • Prepare by reading the Faculty 4 Loves overview page ahead of meeting 	<p>Faculty 4 Loves Bookmark (click to order)</p>
<p>7 minutes</p>	<p>BRAINSTORM “WHAT IS GOD DOING ON CAMPUS”</p> <p>It’s exciting to get everyone together today. God has brought us all to campus and I wonder what God’s purpose us in this. Because God’s already at work on campus and we don’t need to “bring Him” anywhere, what do we see God already doing?</p> <p>(Stand at flip chart with marker and just wait for folks to speak—they may be introverted, so give them some time to think. You may want to say a brief prayer like “God, we thank you that you’re already at work on our campus and that you love this campus dearly. Open our eyes to see what You’re already doing).</p>	<p>Whiteboard Flip Chart Markers</p>

<p>7 minutes</p>	<p>BRAINSTORM “WHAT DO WE WANT TO SEE GOD DO ON CAMPUS”</p> <p>It’s really encouraging to see how God’s already at work! Jesus promises when 2 or 3 gather and ask in His name, He will answer our prayers. So what do we want to see God do on campus?</p> <p>(Again, if it’s a super introverted group, you can pray a brief prayer “God, we thank you for showing us all these great things You’re doing on our campus. Open our ears to hear Your ideas for what You want to happen on campus”).</p>	
<p>4 minutes</p>	<p>PRAYER</p> <p>Invite group to have open prayer</p> <p>If this feels uncomfortable, you can close in prayer, but it’d be good if folks can experience prayer together. You might “assign” someone you know to pray – do this ahead of time — and then you close.</p>	
<p>10 minutes</p>	<p>NEXT STEPS: WHAT IS JESUS INVITING THIS GROUP TO DO AS A NEXT STEP?</p> <p>Could Jesus be inviting this group to follow Jesus together? To press into the 4 Faculty Loves?</p> <p>HERE ARE THREE POSSIBILITIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer Group—we could meet weekly or monthly to pray—for one another and our campus 	<p>Bookmark Whiteboard Markers</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Loves Testimony: Each meeting we could have someone share their story of following Jesus in the academy. • 4 Loves Bible Study <p>What do you think? Brainstorming a “next step” (once again, use the whiteboard, so folks’ attention is on that—it will help them think).</p> <p>GENERAL INFORMATION <i>InterVarsity has resources for faculty! (on back of 4 loves card).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Conferences • Faculty website • Campus Calling, ESN, The Well <p>Conclusion - Agree on one next step.</p>	
1 minute	<p>CLOSE</p> <p>Thank everyone for coming, say you’ll be in touch (unless someone else volunteered to be the key liaison).</p>	