

**FAQs**  
**ABOUT HUDDLE**



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What should we talk about during our Huddle meeting?

The quick answer is, your Kairos of the last week . . . what has God been saying to you and what are you going to do about it. God is speaking to us all the time; through the Bible, through creation, through life circumstances, through other believers in our lives. He is a good God who loves to speak to His children and He is not mute. When you meet as a huddle, you are processing and sharing what God is and has been saying to you and inviting your huddle community to help you be obedient to God.

So the content for your discussion comes from your relationship with God. Huddle is not intended to be your primary source of spiritual input or only place of communication with God. If you are in a huddle the assumption is that you have an active, daily relationship with God. And that's what you talk about at Huddle; that's where your content comes from.

## What if my Huddle wants to do a book study?

There are loads of great books out there to supplement your growth as a follower of Christ. But, Huddle is not a book club. When you get together for your huddle meeting you talk about what God is saying to you and what you are going to do about it. If your huddle all decides to read the same book, that's great. It may be a significant part of you all hearing from God together and it may come up in your huddle discussion as you look through the lenses of various shapes. So you are welcome to read books in your life but that doesn't mean you stop using shapes to process what you are hearing from God. The focus is always Kairos.

## What if we don't want to use the shapes?

Then you're doing it wrong ;) . The shapes are lenses that we see our life in Christ through. They help us process what God is saying to us and what we are going to do about it. They also give structure to your huddle conversation that keeps you from drifting into philosophizing, and counselling without any action.

## How do I learn new shapes?

There are a growing list of Huddle Shape resources on the Resonate website ([resonate.net/huddle](http://resonate.net/huddle)). There are documents and videos to help you learn and become more familiar with the the shapes.

In addition, when you see someone teaching a huddle shape you should pull out your journal and capture every bit of it. Learn it like you're going to teach it. That shape may be just the lens that your huddle needs to look through to help them process what God is saying to them.



## **In what order should I use the shapes?**

There is no mandatory order for all the shapes. Here's why; where your people are and what they are hearing from God doesn't follow a script, so the needs of your huddles will certainly differ from other Huddles.

That being said here's a good idea: Everyone needs to know the Kairos circle because that's the shape that is used in every huddle to process what God is saying and what we are going to do about it. Additionally, The Triangle is super helpful because it simplifies the facets of the disciple's spiritual life. Plus all other shapes are categorized by UP, IN, OUT or Lead. So looking through the Triangle lens happens a lot.

## **Can anyone be in a Huddle?**

People in Huddle need to be followers of Jesus who are willing to be committed to growing in their relationship with Jesus and to being part of the group. So non-Christians shouldn't be part of a huddle, they don't even know if they want to hear from God.

And new or immature Christians shouldn't be because they haven't learned yet how to have an active relationship with God. What they need is a Grow Group, or to go through the Grow material, where they can learn the basics of living the Christian life. But that's a small barrier that can be dealt with in a matter of weeks.

## **How many people should be in my Huddle?**

We usually say 4-6 total people (including the leader) is a good number for a Huddle. Any more and it becomes very difficult for life on life between the huddle members. Additionally the time spent together for your huddle meeting doesn't allow everyone to share every week and with 7 or more people it could be weeks before someone ever gets a chance to process what God is saying to you in a huddle meeting. Any fewer than 4 total people and your huddle conversations can be stunted. You tend to get into patterns or roles in conversation and can miss the opportunity for more shared learning. If you have fewer than 4 you aren't wrong in what you are doing, we've just seen that at least 4 is better.

If it's your first huddle to lead or if the majority of your people have never been in a huddle, 4 total, is a great place to start.



## How do I invite someone into Huddle?

When you make an invite into Huddle be sure that you are clear with what you are inviting them into. Don't soft sell it; make sure they know what is involved, what the commitment is, what they will give and what they will get out of it. Here's a list of things to include:

- How often you'll meet (weekly) and how long you'll meet (1 ½ hrs tops).
- They will have access to your life and they will give you access to theirs throughout the week
- You expect them to have an active relationship with God. It may not be perfect but they are at least trying and desiring to grow in their following of Jesus.
- You want to help them be a fully engaged disciple of Jesus.
- We are all about disciples who make disciples, so your hope and plan is for them to one day lead their own huddle.
- If you are a Village leader, make sure they understand that being part of your Huddle means helping lead your house church.
- If they continue to be in huddle you will encourage them to become an Owner of Resonate Church.

Give them time to make the decision and encourage them to not take the decision lightly. It is a commitment and, like many things in life, the more they invest in it the more they will get out of it.

## Where should we meet?

Somewhere that everyone can engage the conversation and not be distracted by what's going on around them. Your huddle also needs to feel like they can share and process what God is saying to them without being self conscious about others listening in. For these reasons a coffee shop or restaurant may not be good location.