



# How to set up your Challengers group

## WHEN

Student missions discipleship groups usually meet when adults are involved in regular church activities such as midweek prayer services, worship services, or choir rehearsals. A church may have a set time when all age-level missions discipleship groups meet. Challengers would take place at that time. Other times and meeting places are possible with adequate support and leadership.

Materials are developed for weekly sessions of one hour in length or drop-in sessions within a framework of existing youth ministry. This can be adjusted by the church as needed, such as for monthly sessions. The session length of time is easily adjusted for longer or shorter sessions.

## WHERE

Most student missions discipleship groups meet at the church. Challengers are flexible and may also meet in a family's home or a community center.

## HOW

Student missions discipleship groups are designed to be flexible in how they are organized in a church. No matter how Challengers is structured in the church, efforts to lead students in missions discipleship must be undergirded with prayer.

Student missions discipleship groups are organized according to the needs of the church and groups can be formed in many different ways. Many churches see the need to have gender specific groups because of size or potential mentorship opportunities.

- Boys only: Boys can meet together as a chapter of Challengers.
- Groups can be divided by age with 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grades and 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades meeting separately if groups size and leader availability permit.