

Priority “Rules of Engagement” for Forum Facilitators: Key Points to Ensure a Rich, Flourishing Forum Experience

- The structure of the Forum contains three components: Check-In; Study; Discussion of Cultural Impact.
- Each of these is a vehicle for at least one of the Four “E’s.” Check-In: Encourage. Study: Equip. Discussion of Cultural Impact: Engage and Execute. Of course, the Four “E’s” can occur anywhere in the Forum (e.g., “Encourage” cultural impact during the Discussion of Cultural Impact).
- Use a version of the Check-In sheet provided in the Forum Facilitator Guide.
- Stress and maintain 100% confidentiality.
- The Facilitator’s role is characterized by facilitation, not instruction.
- Start and end on time.
- Always make efforts to involve everyone so no one dominates.
- “Participants” are those visiting Forums to “taste and see.” After a reasonable time, say a couple months or a half-dozen meetings, give them the opportunity to become “Partners” and stay in the Forum, or leave the Forum with our blessing.
- Check-in and prayer is about each participant, not for others outside the Forum. The Forum is the place where the focus is on those in the Forum and how they can mature, discover and live out what God has called them to be and do for cultural transformation.
- Choose study resources wisely and carefully, and with the input and consensus of the Forum. Time is valuable. We honor the time of the Forum participants by studying materials that are relevant, interesting, challenging, motivating and lead to life change.
- Make the Cultural Impact Plan a high priority.
- Stay in regular communication with those in your Forum.