

Some Study-Group Formats

- **Full group discussion:** This can be a free-form conversation, or structured in some way, for example by going around the circle for questions and ideas.
- **Clusters:** Members are divided into smaller groups. Afterwards, the smaller groups may share back to whole group. It helps to switch up the groups occasionally. This way, you can get to know different people and gain different perspectives.
- **Turn to partner:** This works best when members are already familiar with concepts and don't need to preview/review a lot. Partners can explain their steps and thought processes to each other.
- **Assigned discussion leader:** One person presents on a topic or leads the discussion for a certain amount of time. This works best when everyone has a chance to lead at some point. The leader does not need to be an expert on the topic, but has responsibility for doing some prep ahead of time and facilitating the discussion.
- **Think/pair/share:** Give people a specific amount of time (e.g. 5-10 minutes) to think about a topic individually. Then have people discuss it in pairs, and finally, have the pairs share out to the group.