

The Study Group

I stood there alone, in the shade of the Aspen Grove trees. We had been told to form into study groups. For our MBA experience to be the most successful, study groups were essential. I had never been in a formal study group, but was willing to try. However, I knew no one and had no idea how to get into a group.

Fortunately, within a few minutes, some guys came over and asked me if I wanted to be in their group. As we introduced ourselves, they noticed another guy standing alone and invited him, also, to join the group.

Paul was older than the rest of us. He was married with three kids. He was reserved and dressed just a bit differently. Would he be able to contribute to this study group? More importantly, would I be able to contribute to this study group?

It took us about two days to realize that Paul was an enormous asset to our group. He was not overbearing or boastful, but he had extensive business experience, and was very willing to share. In more than one way, that study group was essential to my MBA experience.