

## Small Group Teacher Orientation Notes

- Leader Characteristics
  - Spiritual Maturity
    - From child (needs to be taken care of) to youth (knows how to take care yourself) to father (know how to take care of yourself and others)
    - Move from looking at the cross (spectator) to carrying your cross (participator)
    - Your cross (is not your spouse or a sickness) is living your life for the cause of Jesus
    - You know how to live not for yourself (self-less)
    - Jn 13:3 - Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God
      - Key here is knowing who we are and where we are going
  - Submission
    - Submitting to Leaders
    - Out honor one another
    - Ephesians 5:21 - Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ
  - Calling from God
    - Praying and Confirmation
    - God has blessed you brother/sister uniquely
    - Talent or ability for communication and engaging
  - Hunger for God
    - Your hunger for God is demonstrated by your prayer, word, fasting, and sacrifice
    - Fall deeper and deeper in love with Christ
    - Dating, Engaged, Married, Living Marriage Out
- What is the structure of our I Am Small Groups?
  - The activities in small group should prioritize love (needs), flexibility to the Spirit, and that we are working on Holy Ground
  - Structure - Prayer, Icebreaker, Disclaimer (Safe Speak & Scripture is God Breathed), Title, Overview, Min-3 and Max-5 points, Questions Under Points, Activity (Pairs, Groups), Conclusion (Victory/Hope), Prayer
  - Plan for fellowship, prayer, bible study, confession, worship

- How do we run an I Am Small Groups?
  - Be observant before, during, and after a small group
  - Facilitator be engaged with your audience's responses
  - Example Questions - "What would it look like practically to live out this passage?" / "What creates internal resistance from this passage?" / "What do I still need to be believe and embrace to live out God's purpose for my life?"
  - Allow others to share their experiences because in these we will all grow
- Teaching Outlines Reviewed by Pastor
  - Title
  - Sub-topics
  - Verses