

## LEADER: SUGGESTIONS & THOUGHTS AS YOU LEAD...!

### 5 thoughts on leading your group

1. PRAY for insight as you begin to prepare for leading your group. Ask for God's wisdom, that the Holy Spirit will be the teacher and that you will be God's instrument to lead the group to greater understanding and a willingness to commit to having a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. **Prayer should be your primary source of personal preparation for leading your group.**
2. PLAN where you want to take your group in the next 60-90 days. Is your group strong in some areas and weak in others? How can you challenge the members to live more balanced Christian lives? Challenge members to look for new ways for them to CONNECT and/or take NEXT STEPS toward growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Remember, your role will be most impactful if you focus on simply being an **ENCOURAGER**.
3. PONDER YOUR PROGRESS after each meeting and at the end of a semester. Reflect on what went well and what did not. Re-evaluation is key to your growth as a leader. Consider whether your plan is being effective in moving the group to greater understanding and commitment. How are you doing with leading the discussion: is it stimulating, challenging, and meaningful? Are you able to keep the group on track? Do you need to make some changes?
4. PREVIEW the weekly GG questions, understanding that they are simply a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. As the GG leader, you should examine and evaluate the questions based on the needs of your group. Decide in advance what is most important to focus on, should time not allow for the entire lesson. Again, it is just a guide for you!
5. PROMOTE ACCOUNTABILITY: Your goal as the leader is to bring the group into a stimulating discussion that helps the members recognize their needs for personal life change. Ultimately, you want them to be willing to commit to change with accountability to the group. Accountability helps us to persevere in our commitments as we all grow in our relationships with Jesus Christ. Encourage each group member to be accountable to the group for personal progress at the next meeting.

## Family | Part 2

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### QUESTIONS

- What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you?
  - Why did this idea grab your attention?
  
- We are all in different types of families as defined by society. For example:
  - Nuclear            Single-parent            Extended
  - No children    Step                                    Grandparent
  - How many of the family types have you been a part of and which one are you in now?
  
- Read Ephesians 2:14-15; 3:28
  - What do those passages teach us as it relates to being united as a family?
    - What occurred and how did it occur?
  
- Read John 19:26-27
  - These were some of Jesus' last words. Why do you think it was so important for John to take care of Mary as opposed to Jesus' other brothers? (hint: read John 7:5)
  
- How does pursuing the traits of Jesus (Fruit of the Spirit) cause us to begin to resemble one another?
  
- Read Mark 3:33-35
  - Jesus showed no favoritism towards His own flesh & blood just because they were in His bloodline. Instead, how did He evaluate who He considered family?
  
- Google what your name means & share with the group.
  - What are some names that fit you now that you are a believer?
  
- What promise found in Philippians 1:6 can be understood for believers?
  - What does that verse mean to you?
  
- Read Revelation 2:17
  - How does that verse make you feel?
  
- During the message, we learned some ways to be a good family member. What do these traits mean to you & how do they help solidify our "Family of God" relationships?
  - Be a good friend
  - Serve each other
  - Adopt each other

- o Share the love of Jesus Christ with the world