

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.

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QUESTIONS

1. What kind of behavior do you find the most annoying in a private setting?
 - On social media?
 - In public?
2. Have you caught yourself attempting to ‘customize’ your faith similar to how we can ‘customize’ our technology?
 - a. -Give an example
3. When you were younger, what did you and your siblings or friends fight over the most?
 - Did it matter to your parents that you were fighting with your siblings?
Why?
 - Does it matter to you (if you’re a parent) that your kids are disrespectful to one another?
 - How do you prefer they behave? Explain.
4. What grudges are you having difficulty letting go?
5. Why does the thought of forgiving others often provoke an emotional response?
6. Read Matthew 5:23-24
 - Why does forgiveness matter so much to God?
7. How do you forgive something that seems unforgivable?
8. How can you encourage yourself to pray even when you don’t feel like praying?
9. In the Greek New Testament, the word forgive is:
 - (greek) *aphiēmi* (uh-fee-uh-mee)
 - to let go, send away
 - omit, keep no longer
 - What does that mean to you as it relates to dealing with someone who has hurt you, betrayed you, lied to you, etc?
10. Read Colossians 3:13
 - How do we ‘make allowances or bear one another’s faults?’
 - Remember: we are to forgive as we have been forgiven
 - What does that mean to you?
11. If you’ve been holding onto a grudge, we are taught to spend time in prayer.
 - How would that prayer probably sound like in the beginning stages?
 - What can we ask God to free us from so that we can begin to heal broken relationships?

Close in prayer

- Pray together as a Growth Group
 - Be bold and prayer with confidence!
 - Pray to grow your faith in a way that your faith can be trusted.
 - Pray for NRC and for all those that attend to realize the foundation that can be created by actively participating in a GG! (***a seed needs to have strong roots***)