

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

- What is one idea from the message that really stood out to you?
 - Why did this idea grab your attention?
- Read 2 Peter 1:3-4
 - What are the Promises of God supposed to do for us?
- Read Jeremiah 29:12-14
 - What are the two or three Promises made by God?
 - In our prayers, we must begin in a spirit of humility. (knowing that God is greater and in control) With that in mind, read Psalm 37:4 and express what that verse is saying.
 - During this challenging season, how have your prayers changed?
- Read Psalm 100:5 & Psalm 34:8
 - These verses demonstrate the Goodness of God. God's Goodness is simply the absence of all things evil. God's Goodness means that He detests sin.
 - Share times when you have seen the Goodness of God even in tragedy.
- Read Deuteronomy 31:8
 - This verse is a reminder of God's Faithfulness.
 - Share a time when you were afraid or discouraged, but over time, you begin to realize that God had already worked it out for good.
- Read Psalm 23:4
 - Where have you heard that verse before?
 - What does this verse mean to you now?
- Read Proverbs 3:5-6
 - Where do you see the Promise from God?
 - What does He ask us to do in order to receive that promise?
- Read John 1:12
 - What is the promise in this verse?
 - What can we begin to implement in our lives that will remind us of this promise?
- We are in the midst of Holy Week. The most recorded week in the New Testament. Jesus began His final week by entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday at the exact time when Israelites were selecting their Passover lambs. Jesus

represented the Perfect Passover Lamb.

- o Why do you think God chose that week?
- o This culminated into God's greatest Promise to mankind, a Savior, a Redeemer, our Salvation!
 - What does that truly mean to you? Share.
 - We cannot 'physically' meet, so what can you do to celebrate Holy Week at home?
 - Or how can you celebrate it on social media?
- Remember each other, pray for each other...and as always...TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER!