

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.

New Year | Part 3

January 12, 2020

QUESTIONS

1. **Share some of your New Year's resolutions with the GG. Have you already given up on a few of them?**
2. **We want this year to be better than last year. Pick one area of your life that you would like to be better in and describe what that part of your life looks like right now.**
 - **Financial**
 - **Relational**
 - **Physical**
 - **Career**
 - **Spiritual**
3. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:9–10**
 - Paul says he will “gladly boast about his weaknesses.”
 - What's the difference between just admitting your weaknesses and boasting about them?
 - Why do you think Paul chose to boast instead of just admit them?
4. **When was a time you realized you were living out of your own strength?**
5. **How does asking for God's help actually make us stronger?**
6. **Paul ends with, “When I am weak, then I am strong.”**
 - In what ways can our weaknesses make us strong?
 - Have you ever seen this truth at play in your life?
7. **Following Jesus will make your life better and make you better at life.**
 - What would it look like for you to daily rely on Christ's strength to help you navigate life's circumstances?
8. **Go around the group and share your word, verse & Fruit for 2020.**
 - How can this GG help each other develop in these areas?
9. **In the area of life you previously chose, what is one step you can take in order to be consistent?**
 - How can our group help in this area as well?

Close in prayer

- Pray together as a Growth Group
 - Be bold and pray 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*)