

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 Luke 10:38- Here we see Martha inviting Jesus into her house
 - Why do you think this is a big deal?
 - What are some things in your life you can sacrifice to spend time with Jesus?

- Martha's desire was to be in the presence of Jesus.
 - What are your greatest desires?
 - Where does Jesus fall in your list?

- Read John Luke 10:39
 - What can we learn from the posture Mary took?
 - When was the last time you took time to "sit at Jesus' feet?"

- What does it mean to receive a word from the Lord?
 - Can you honestly say you are guided by the "Word of the Lord?"
 - If not, what steps can you take to start that process?
 - What things do you need to let go of?
 - What things do you need to start doing?
 - What are some practical ways to make this happen?

- Read Luke 10:40
 - Take turns sharing the first thing you would do if you knew Jesus was coming to your house.. (its ok to be lighthearted during this answer)
 - How do you relate to how Martha was preparing?

- Give an example of a time you were too distracted by a task to pay attention to the person talking to you.
 - How did they respond?
 - What was more important in that moment?

- Describe how this story is a picture of the Gospel
 - (Rhetorical Question) What baggage do you feel like you need to rid yourself of before feeling "worthy" to be in the presence of Jesus?
 - **Remember to explain** that Jesus isn't looking for you to "clean yourself" or "empty baggage" before calling on His name.
 - Read Luke 19:10- What does that mean to you?

- Read Luke 10:41
 - What does it mean that Jesus repeated her name?
 - (Compassion and Love)

- Describe a time in your life when Jesus may have corrected you out of compassion and love. (It's ok to be vulnerable with each other, we are family after all!)
 - Talk with your group about somethings that we worry about.
 - How can each of you as a group support and love one another through those things?

- Read Luke 10:42
 - What is the “one thing” Jesus is referring to?
 - How can we be better at forgetting the little things we are consumed with and focus on the “one thing” that Jesus is speaking of?
 - What are some things yall as a group can do to encourage each other to take time and “sit at the feet of Jesus?”