

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. Share some of your favorite Thanksgiving holiday memories. Does your family have any unique traditions?
2. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
-What is the difference between ‘being thankful IN all circumstances’ & ‘being thankful FOR all circumstances?’
3. Read Luke 22:19
-The greek word for ‘thanks’ in this passage is eucharisteo. The root word is charis, which means grace. Plus, charis derives from the word chara, which means joy. Joy and grace are emphasized in the word ‘thanks.’ What does that mean to you?
4. Read Hebrews 12:2
-Jesus kept His focus on future joy while enduring the cross. What do we tend to do when we go through a difficult time? Where do we focus our attention? Share an experience.
5. Read Psalm 16:11
-The word forever gets overlooked a lot. Discuss what forever really is? How could our lives change if we truly believe that we will spend FOREVER with our Heavenly Father?
6. Read John 16:33
-Jesus teaches that in this world we will have struggles. Which gives us as Christ-followers an opportunity to reflect the Light of Christ to others by our attitude during these tough times. Share a story of someone you know that kept their focus on Christ and future joy and as a result, another person came to know Christ.
7. Read 2 Corinthians 4:17
-What does this verse mean to you? What impact can this verse have on your attitude towards a struggle?
8. What can you do this Thanksgiving to ensure that you are biblically ‘thankful?’
-Are there any new traditions that you can implement to keep your focus on future joy versus present day?

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*)