

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. **Without mentioning names :), do you have any family/friends that you have to be mentally prepared to have Thanksgiving dinner with?**
-What do you do to prepare yourself?
2. **What are some of the tactics that people have used on you in an effort to manipulate or control you?**
3. **Explain how being the ‘doormat’ in a relationship can be very unhealthy.**
4. **Read Matthew 16:21-22**
-What tactic did Peter employ when trying to control what Jesus was going to do?
5. **What are some signs that someone might be of a victim of manipulation or being controlled?**
6. **What does it mean to be caught up in the sin of idolatry in a relationship? (people pleaser)**
7. **Read Ecclesiastes 7:5**
--What does this verse say to you?
8. **Read Proverbs 15:31-32**
-What are some examples of criticism with genuine concern and/or help attached?
-What is the tension between our pride and humility when receiving constructive criticism?
9. **When someone criticizes you and they are misinformed, what is the natural response?**
-What are some things we can do to ensure that we respond biblically to criticism?
-Why are people that seem to have any success in any areas of their lives always a target for criticism?
10. **Read 1 Thessalonians 2:4**
-How can living out this verse radically change the way you live?

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*)