

## 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.

## Build the House | Part 1

June 7, 2020

### QUESTIONS

- What is one idea from the message that really stood out to you?
  - Why did this idea grab your attention?
- We are reopening the doors to NRC on July 5th. This will be a special day and also a day where we will see some different perspectives as it relates to Covid-19.
  - Are you prepared to see brothers/sisters in Christ wearing or not wearing masks?
  - How will it make you feel?
  - Can we still have a strong foundation as a Church with varying ideas on health?
  - What can you do now to prepare for that Sunday?
- During this quarantine, what has God revealed to you about your walk with Him?
  - What impact will it have on your spiritual life moving forward?
- At NRC, our mission statement is:
  - “We exist to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by loving God and loving others!”
    - What does that mean to you?
    - HUMBLE REQUEST: Challenge yourself to learn the MS by July 5th!
- How can your ‘personal’ relationship with Jesus Christ help the Church as a body?
- Read 1 Corinthians 1:10
  - What are some keywords that stand out to you in this verse?
  - What is our purpose as a church?
- Recently, Bryan and Vernon sat down with Sally and had a heart-to-heart conversation on the topic of racism. Please click the link below to watch.
  - [Click Here](#)
- What is the first thought you have about racism after watching this interview?
- Read Galatians 3:26-28
  - Explain in your own words what this verse is teaching.
- According to the Bible, we are called to unity as a Body of Believers.
  - How can we have unity with one another despite our backgrounds, cultures and race?
- Read Ephesians 4:3
  - We live in a time where PEACE is mostly absent.
  - Why are people in society so anxious to argue and fight one another?
  - What can we do as Christ-followers to practice biblical peace in our world today?

- The key to biblical unity and peace is showing grace to each other.
  - In what areas of our lives do we need to apply grace?
    - What will the result be?
  
- Read Romans 8:28
  - We know that God can use everything that has occurred in the past few months and weeks for good.
    - What have you learned about yourself and others during this season?
    - How will this bring about a positive change in our church?

Remember each other, pray for each other...and as always...TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER!

**\*Bonus Questions for Teens**

1. What is one idea that really stuck out to you from the message?
  - Why did this idea grab your attention?
2. Has there been anything you have learned about yourself because of quarantine?
  - Did you realize you actually like school, church, etc.?
3. What is something that God has told you about yourself or your walk with him during this quarantine?
  - How will it affect your relationship with God moving forward?
4. God says we are supposed to be united as a body of believers:
  - What can we do, through NRS, school, sports, etc., to help the people become more united?
5. Read Romans 8:28
  - God promises that everything that happens, he will use it for the good of his people,
  - How can we use what we have learned about each other and ourselves during this time, to bring a positive change on the areas of our life: NRS, school, friends?