

Leading Your Group Well

8 Essential tips for creating a great group environment for God to work in

STAY CONNECTED

- This essential reminds us to stay spiritually nourished.
- In John 15, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine and branches to instruct his followers to “abide.”
- When we stay connected to Jesus in this way, we welcome God’s work in us and through us.

Are you staying rooted in your relationship with Jesus Christ, realizing that apart from him you can do nothing?

CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIPS

- This essential is focused on how we build community.
- By encouraging and facilitating connections outside of regular group meetings, you demonstrate the priority of relationships.

How are you and your group members connecting outside of group time?

PROMOTE PARTICIPATION

- This essential focuses on how you involve your group members.
- Shared participation (facilitating the study, hosting the meeting, preparing the snack, leading prayer time, planning socials, guiding the curriculum-choice discussion, etc.) creates broader ownership of the group.

How are you involving your group members in supporting the group?

SERVE TOGETHER

- This essential expands the focus of the group beyond itself.
- Serving those outside of the group is a great way to leverage the influence of the group while strengthening the relationships within the group.

Is service a consistent part of your group experience?

CELEBRATE CHANGE

- This essential helps us stay focused on the purpose of the group.
- If we truly value the life change God brings about in people, it is important that we take the time to celebrate it in our groups.

How do you and your group members celebrate the growth you see in each other?

PROVIDE CARE

- This essential focuses on the big and small ways we can provide care.
- Often people don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.

Do you make it a priority for your group to support and care for each other?

REPLACE YOURSELF

- This essential challenges us to prepare others for leadership.
- By passing on knowledge, skills, and opportunities, you are preparing others for future leadership while sharpening your own.

How are you intentionally investing in a potential leader in your group?

END WELL

- This essential prepares us to transition our groups well (with multiplication in mind).
- As all groups have a natural life cycle, leaders must work with their group members to craft a picture of a strong finish. The idea is to create more groups so we’ll have more space for new people.

How are you planning today for a successful end to your current group?

