LEADER ESSENTIALS



Tips for Leading Well

In leading groups, we have discovered several key essentials to creating the optimum 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 occurring 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.
- As all groups have a natural life cycle, leaders must work with their group members to craft a picture of a strong finish.
- How are you planning today for a successful end to your current group?

