

FALL SEASON KICK-OFF!!

Week 1: Coaching Guide

It is time to launch the fall season for group! We will be resuming our regular schedule for group meetings and storying. As your first meeting approaches, consider carefully these important reminders...

Understand the vision of group...

Our vision for our groups provide the roadmap for our meetings and motivate our intentional leaders. Our groups exist to make disciples and to engage others in the disciple-making process. We understand that, in order to help people grow as disciples of Jesus, they must learn to walk in truth and practice sobriety over their sin issues. We accomplish our vision in group by sharing truth from God's Word, discussing God's truth and our personal struggles transparently, and by praying for one another. We accomplish our vision outside of group by staying available to one another and by sharing life together.

Be an intentional leader...

You are the intentional leader of your group. As the intentional leader, you determine the culture of your group. Will your group celebrate the recovery process of those who have been entangled in sin? Will you set the tone for transparency by sharing about your own struggles and successes? Will your team see themselves as a church family whose purpose is to help one another overcome their sin issues so that together they can walk in the Spirit and reach new people for Jesus? You must create the culture in the way you lead. If you have questions on how to do this, be ready to ask your coach at your next meeting.

Create a relational environment...

The most important part of a relational environment is utilizing the ground rules for the meeting. When there are no ground rules the environment will not be safe or relational. Review the ground rules carefully before your first meeting and expect your team to follow them. You don't have to review the ground rules in their entirety every week once your team has them down, but always cover the ground rules when a new person is at the meeting.

In addition to ground rules, make sure your meeting space is comfortable. Is the area clean? Does it smell good? Are there enough chairs? How's the temperature? Is there something to drink? Details matter.

Always have reproduction on your mind...

We are the church of Jesus Christ. His mission is our mission. We are called by God to make disciples. We do that by discipling one another towards spiritual maturity and by reaching new people for Jesus. Keep this vision of reproduction before your group. Remind them to continually seek to reach new people and to grow spiritually as they prepare for the group to branch.

Recruit an apprentice...

Groups never branch without intentionality. Intentionality in branching means recruiting an apprentice who will commit themselves to lead the group with you. The 401 training this weekend will cover this important group trait in more detail. You can always ask your coach for personal training.

Check your vision, check your leadership, check the environment, and check your vision to reproduce! Make sure your team knows when and where to meet. Pray up and be prepared for week 1!

FALL SEASON KICK-OFF FOR GROUP

WEEK 1 (AUGUST 21-27): LESSON GUIDE

BACK-TO-CHURCH
BASH 

Open in prayer

Welcome/Introductions

Ask the group to recall the guidelines for discussion that we use to create a safe environment.

Be prepared to share the vision of group with your team at this first meeting of the fall season...

The vision of group is to work together as a team to disciple one another to walk in the Spirit and live soberly over your sin issues. We accomplish this vision inside the meeting by sharing truth from God's Word, being transparent about our struggles, and by praying for one another. We accomplish this vision outside the meeting by being available to one another and depending on each other.

Ask this Hook Question: – “Reflect on our summer season schedule for group. Was this a good time for you spiritually, or did you struggle? Explain.”

Ask someone from your team to read or tell the following background for the story:

In the Old Testament of the Bible, there was an extended season where God's people were ruled by kings. Some of the kings that ruled were evil, while others were good. Whether a king was good or evil was determined by how faithfully they followed God's Word given through the Law of Moses.

Josiah was a king who, at first, was not following God's Word. The Word of God had been lost in his kingdom by his fathers who ruled as kings before him. Josiah was unaware of God's truth and had never heard the Words of the Lord recorded in the Law of Moses. Josiah was only eight years old when his reign began. In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign, Josiah discovered the scrolls containing the Word of God while working with Hilkiah, the high priest, and his secretary, Shaphan. This is where our story begins...

Tell the story from 2 Kings 22:10-23:3 (Storytelling Tip: Remember to focus on major events and primary names and locations. Leave out support names and locations when you tell the story initially.)

Rebuild the story – (Group members retell the story based on what they remember.)

Read 2 Kings 22:10-23:3 – (Ask the group to read these verses.)

Discuss these questions:

Head
Questions:
Quicker
tempo.

- What do you like about the story? Is there anything you dislike?
- What does this story teach us about God?
- What does this story teach us about people?

- Who do you relate to in this story?

- So what is God trying to teach you through this story? How do you need to change?

Heart Questions:
Slow down & wait!

Ask for a volunteer to tell the Bible story next week.

Time of Prayer – Ask for requests and pray for the needs

Housekeeping announcements or reminders and dismiss