



Week 4: Coaching Guide

Planning the Summer Season

By now, each of you should be fully informed about our group strategy for the summer season (June 19 - August 20). If you don't have those details yet, see your coach ASAP... you have an assignment due on May 16th that you need to take care of at your next group meeting!

Please complete your summer season worksheet and submit it to me ASAP. You can send it in by fax (405-634-1477), email (brandon@westernhillschurch.com), or text (405-517-5686), whichever is easiest. If you don't have a scanner just take a picture of both sides of the worksheet and send me those photos.

See your coach or the curriculum packet email from last week to get the detail pages and copies of the summer season worksheet.

Leadership Prospect Roster

Group leaders, it is time for you to get intentional about Essential #6: Identify, equip, and release leaders. I sent you an email this week that explains what the *Leadership Prospect Roster* is and how people can add their names to it. No one knows who should be on that roster from your group better than you. Please talk to them personally and ask them to add their names to the list. We will send them details and start praying for them with you. We already have six names!

401: Leadership Development (August 20th)

The summer season ends with our 401: Leadership Development meeting on August 20th. It is our goal to have 100% group leader participation and prospective leadership participation on this event. Please mark your calendars! My Newsletter article for the June issue will have more information about this, so check it out when it is released.

Back-to-Church BASH (August 21st)

Finally, our fall season will kick-off on Sunday, August 21st with a Back-to-Church BASH! Our goal for that Sunday is 100% membership participation, so mark your calendars and encourage your group members to do the same!



Week 4 (May 15-21): Lesson Guide

Open in prayer

Welcome/Introductions

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

If you haven't already done so, take a moment to complete your summer season worksheet for your group. The deadline for the worksheet is May 16th. See the coaching guide for details.

Ask this Hook Question: – “Have you ever personally experienced road rage so that you wanted to retaliate? What were you feeling?”

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

This week, we arrive at the tragic conclusion of the story of Samson's life. As you listen to the story, you will hear of a great victory; however, don't miss all the details. Yes, the victory was great, but at what price? Consider the feelings of Samson as you listen. What could Samson's life look like if he had sanctified himself for the purposes God had set him apart to do? Instead, his life is filled with hardship and ends early.

When someone is dying, last moments are powerful: last words, last wishes, last actions. The final events in a person's life often carry much weight. As a group, do your best to briefly recall the major events of Samson's life from his birth until this moment. Let the events of his life sink into your heart once more, and then tell this final story...

Tell the story from Judges 16:23-31

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

Read Judges 16:23-31 – (Ask the group to read these verses)

Discuss these questions:

Head Questions:
Quicker tempo.

- What do you like about this story, and is there anything you dislike?
- How do you think Samson felt?
- Have you ever felt that way? Explain?
- What does this story teach us about people?
- What does this story teach us about God?

Heart Questions:
Slow down & wait!

- How do you relate to this story?
- What do you need to change based on this story and discussion?

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

Prayer Requests (ask someone in the group to take notes so you can email the requests to the group)

Pray and Dismiss