

Renovation

HOME GROUPS

Practical Tips for Leading a Small Group

PREPARATION

- Read ahead and have a plan – know where you want to lead people with your discussion
- Review the podcast, book study, scripture, and other materials
- Pray for your gathering and what you want to get out of it
- Expect great things from God, yourself, and your group members

SPIRITUAL COMMITMENT

- Pray for your members regularly
- Follow up with members on life issues and events
- Study God's word and devote time to personal spiritual growth
- Honor confidentiality with caution
- Be mindful of sensitivities (addictions, social challenges, life circumstances, etc.)

COMMUNICATION

- Communicate to your group at least once weekly (Band app, email, phone, etc.)
- Communicate with staff regularly with praises, concerns, etc.
- Keep conversations flowing during your gatherings
- Make sure everyone has a voice (and no one, including you, is dominating every discussion)

EVANGELISM

- Keep inviting others to your group (even when you're full)
- Welcome new guests at church
- Don't be afraid to connect people with *other* groups that might be the best fit

SERVICE

- Figure out what your group is passionate about and find a way to serve
- Share testimonies of your service with staff so they can encourage our community

MULTIPLICATION

- Always seek to raise up new leaders
- Create opportunities for others to prepare and lead discussions and *show them how*
- Encourage your group members to start their own groups