



# SMALL GROUP LEADERSHIP

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## GROUP LEADERSHIP VISION

To promote healthy relationships through small groups which empower people to take next steps of faith.

## SOJOURN CITY CHURCH CORE VALUES

- Love God: Be passionate about knowing God and live a life that reflects the love of Christ. (Psalm 24:4).
- Love People: Grow relationally with your group—and the teams of Group Leaders with whom you serve—and have a genuine love for people (Philippians 2:1-4).
- Pursue Excellence: Excel in communication (both listening and speaking to other people) and continually develop the spiritual gifts God has given you (Psalm 33:3).
- Choose Joy: Find your fulfillment through meaningful ministry opportunities that impact the spiritual growth of those around you (Philippians 2:5-7).

## GROUP LEADER ROLE (A SURVEY)

Take something you already love doing and turn it into ministry by adding a spiritual component and inviting other people to do it with you. (Groups meet weekly for 60-90 minutes on a semester calendar.)

- Encouragement: Design group meetings that give group members time and opportunity to get to know each other in casual social settings
- Scripture: Share a Bible-verse or short passage from God's Word that ministered to you in the previous week—and briefly share how it did so.
- Next Steps: Look for strategic opportunities to talk about potential avenues of spiritual growth that group members could engage through the ministry of Sojourn City Church (Sunday Services; Growth Track, Steps 1-4; Dream Team, Small Groups [SERVE Day]).
- Prayer: Pray for your group and its members daily, and pray with your group at every group meeting.

## GROUP LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES (A SNEAK PEEK)

- Use Planning Center Online to communicate with your group between group meetings and about

group with the Sojourn City Church Groups Coordinator.

*Registration:* Add new group members to your roster.

*Attendance:* Record everyone present for every group meeting, and submit that report every week.

*Communication:* Send group-messages to keep everyone informed throughout the semester.

- Participate in church-life at Sojourn City Church:

Attend Sunday Services on a regular basis.

Engage in personal worship.

Prepare in prayer for group meetings.

Pay attention to your personal health (physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual).

## **GROUP LEADERSHIP RESULTS**

Group Leaders should assess the spiritual condition of their group members and help them move one step further in their walk with Christ each semester.

Examples of next steps of faith Group Leaders can encourage group members to take—and assist them in taking—are as follows:

- Bring group members to a Sunday Service, where they will have an opportunity to make a first-time decision of faith or rededicate their lives to Christ.
- Invite them to be baptized in water.
- Encourage them to complete Growth Track, Steps 1-3.
- Connect them to the Dream Team.
- Encourage them in daily Bible reading and prayer.

## **HOW TO BECOME A SMALL GROUP LEADER**

- Complete Growth Track, Steps 1-3 and meet one-on-one with the Groups Coordinator.
- Complete the Leadership application and sign the Honor Code.
- Attend Small Group Leader Training prior to the start of the upcoming Small Groups semester.

*“We’re just getting started, and the best is yet to come!” (Pastor Tyler)*