

Group Leader Guide – October 18th, 2026

Group Announcements:

- 11th Hour Prayer | Mon-Thurs @ 11 am (in the church office)
- Operation Christmas Child | Boxes due by Nov 15th
- Night of Prayer & Worship | October 25th @ 6 pm
- Essentials Nov 2026 | Sign up at winacity.com/calendar
- If you would like to host a group in the next season, let your group leader know!

Attendance:

- Group leaders, please submit your attendance by person's name through our Leader Tools page winacity.com/leader-tools

FELLOWSHIP:

During this time, you may plan for food. This could be anything from just snacks to a full dinner. Games are also appropriate. YouTube and Google offer a wide range of games for you to choose from.

Use your group chat to create a place where people can be informed about your group's times and what to bring for food.

WARM UP:

As a starting point for your group discussion, consider asking questions that encourage conversation and help participants share about themselves.

- What's the most ridiculous excuse you've ever used to get out of doing something? Share Briefly. 10 min total time for discussion

LEARN IT: Deception Gains Access Before It Takes Control

Read: 1 Kings 21: 6-7 (NASB95)

So he said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, Give me your vineyard for money/ or else, if it pleases you, I will give you a vineyard in its place, but he said, I will not give you my vineyard." Jezebel, his wife, said to him, "Do you now reign over Israel? Arise, eat bread, and let your heart be joyful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

- When you're upset, do you seek people who will speak truth to you or people who will agree with you? Allow 3-5 min for discussion.

Leader Note: Deception doesn't always force its way in; we give it access through influence and compromise. Jezebel gained control because Ahab surrendered responsibility. This challenges us to examine who influences us, where we've compromised our convictions, and whether we're standing firm in truth or surrendering to control.

SHARE IT: The Agenda Behind The Deception

Read: Revelation 2:20 (NASB95)

But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads my bond-servants astray so they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

- When someone confronts you about something, do you tend to listen to understand or listen to defend yourself? 3-5 min discussion

Leader Note: Deception becomes dangerous when compromise is disguised as truth. Jezebel twisted God's Word and used spiritual influence to justify sin, while others tolerated it. We must examine where we've allowed comfort, convenience, or personal desires to override God's truth—and whether we're willing to receive correction or continue defending our compromise..

LIVE IT: Break the Cycle

Read: Proverbs 29:1 (NASB95)

A man who hardens his neck after much reproof will suddenly be broken beyond remedy

- How does Ahab's example challenge us to examine the consequences of our silence or inaction? Share Briefly 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)

Leader Note: Recognizing deception isn't enough; freedom requires action. Proverbs 29:1 warns of the danger of repeatedly rejecting correction. Fear, passivity, and compromise can keep us trapped, but change begins when we stop making excuses, take responsibility, and respond to God's truth with repentance and obedience.

PRAY:

Use a group chat (WhatsApp, Messenger, Instagram, etc.) and add everyone to it. Post your group's prayer requests here during your meetings and throughout the week. Encourage everyone to pray for these needs daily. You may also post or do live video as daily encouragement for everyone, such as scripture verses, encouraging thoughts, spontaneous hangouts, etc.

- What part of this week's message challenged your thinking the most? Did it give you something to think about, or something you need to change? Leaders, please prepare some YouTube worship music and spend some time with your group waiting in His presence and worshipping Him, while incorporating a chosen expression of worship (raising hands, kneeling, etc)
- Give each group member a chance to pray for any other needs
- Share testimonies with each other; you may send them to stella@winacity.com so we can encourage the church

Suggestion:

- You may lay hands on people who need prayer after you have asked for permission.
- You may also take communion together
- If you have the space and availability, you may do a time of worship

Suggested timeframes for your group:

- 20-30 minutes for fellowship
- 10-15 minutes for Warm up
- 30 minutes for the study
- 10-15 minutes for sharing needs and prayer