LIVING FAITH

Group Leader Guide – November 15th, 2026

Group Announcements:

- 11th Hour Prayer | Mon-Thurs @ 11 am (in the church office)
- Night of Prayer | Sunday, Nov 22nd @ 6 pm
- Life Groups | This season ends Dec 6th and the new season launches Jan 17th
- 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 funniest or most ridiculous thing you've ever done because you were distracted? Share Briefly. 10 min total time for discussion

LEARN IT: Stay Alert

Read: 1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)

- *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*
- Which pulls at you most right now: your attention (busyness, screens, even good things), your emotions (fear, anxiety, disappointment), or your direction (comparison, keeping up with others)? Allow 3-5 min for discussion.

Leader Note: Peter's word for sober-minded means clear-headed and self-controlled. The devil cannot take a believer's place in eternity, but he works to leave us weak and ineffective, and distraction is one of his quietest tools. It doesn't have to be something bad. Martha was serving Jesus, yet she missed sitting at His feet (Luke 10:38-42). Elijah let fear and isolation convince him he was the only faithful one left, when God still had 7,000 who had not bowed to Baal. Fear, grief, and disappointment are real human experiences, but they were never meant to be the authority over our lives. If someone shares that they struggle with anxiety or depression, do not treat it as a lack of faith. Listen, pray with them, and connect them with a pastor if the need is bigger than the group.

SHARE IT: Stand Firm in the Truth

Read: *John 8:31-32 (NIV)*

- *To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

- Satan's first words to Eve were "Did God really say?" Where do you hear that question in your own life? 3-5 min discussion

Leader Note: The enemy's strategy has not changed since Genesis 3. God says you are forgiven, and the enemy makes you question it. God says He is faithful, and the enemy says He has abandoned you. Paul names truth as the belt in the armor of God because it holds everything else in place, and you cannot stand against a lie if you don't know the truth. Knowing God's Word is each person's own responsibility, not just the pastors'. If someone in your group doesn't have a Bible, let them know there are free Bibles at the church, and the Bible App has an audio option.

LIVE IT: Remember the Family

Read: *Galatians 6:2 (NIV)*

- *Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*
- Isolation makes us an easy target. What makes it hard for you to let others help carry your burdens? Share briefly: 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)

Leader Note: Peter reminds us that believers around the world are facing the same kind of suffering, so no one fights alone. "I'm a lone wolf" or "I'd rather do it myself" is often the voice of someone who has been hurt by people before. God often uses His people as the instrument of our healing. Keep your group a safe place: protect what people share, and don't push anyone to share more than they are ready to.

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.

- Who in your life is going through a hard season that this group can pray for this week?
- **Leaders, please prepare some YouTube worship music and spend some time with your group waiting in His presence and worshiping 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; 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