

Group Leader Guide – March 9th, 2025**Group Announcements:**

- Night of Worship & Prayer – March 23rd @ 6pm
- 3 services launch – April 6
- If you would like to Host a group in the next season let your group leader know and attend the next training on March 27th

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.

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

Games are also appropriate. Youtube and Google have many games listed that you can choose from.

WARM UP:

As a starting point for your group discussion, you may want to ask some questions that will get people talking and help share about themselves.

- **What is an example in your life that expresses the fight between God and self? Who won? - 10 min total time for discussion**

LEARN IT: Commit your heart to Him

Read –

“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars”

Leader Note: A loyal hearts responds to life out the leading of the Holy Spirit and The Word, knowing that God is in control. This way we can shake off the temptation for disloyalty!

SHARE IT: Follow Jesus' Example

Read: Matthew 16:21-23

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying “far be it from you, Lord; this shall not happen to you!” But he turned and said to Peter “Get behind Me Satan! You are an offense to me for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men!”

How can we develop the heart to stand in the gap, as Jesus did, when faced with challenges or misunderstandings from others about God's will? - 3-5 min discussion

Leader Note: Jesus gives us the example of how to live in God's perfect will and remain unwavering in the face of temptation.

LIVE IT: Living with a Loyal Heart

Read: Ruth 1:16-17

But Ruth said "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die and there I will be buried. Thus, may the Lord do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me"

- Spend time in worship and prayer daily
- Read the word consistently

How can insecurity affect our loyalty to God, and how do we overcome it? Allow 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)

Leader Note: Our insecurities can hold us back from having a loyal heart. God's loyalty to us is perfectly visible in the work of the cross. Worship is not just an act of praise but a tool that strengthens our loyalty to God. Worship is transformative—it brings us into alignment with God's will, helps us trust in His faithfulness, and deepens our commitment to His ways.

PRAY:

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

- Where do you feel you have insecurity? Share if you feel comfortable Leaders, please prepare some YouTube worship music and spend some time with your group waiting in His presence and worshipping Him.

- 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