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Community Group Leaders Role

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Qualities of a Leader

Authentic - Authenticity is the character quality that our Community Group leaders need to take on. Being authentic will destroy shame and build connections with your group members. When you live in the place of who God says you are, and are authentic, you open yourself up for deep connection with others. When you are comfortable with who the Father says you are it will launch you into covenant connections and radical discipleship.

Humble - Humility is a state of being humble, free from pride and arrogance. Humility means you are teachable, correctable, lead-able, and that you are a servant. True discipleship can only take place if we are humble, both the one being discipled and the one discipling. This is a true heart issue and our posture toward discipling must be ready.

True discipleship is not controlling, it is empowering, life giving, and fulfilling.

As a Community Group Leader, you play a vital role in guiding your group members each week through meaningful, open-ended questions that encourage discussion and reflection. During discussion time you are not teaching, you are facilitating discussion. As a leader you create a safe and welcoming environment where the Spirit of the Lord fosters genuine connection and spiritual growth.

Your care and encouragement invite group members to use their gifts, engage with scripture in the context of their daily lives, and celebrate each person's unique walk with the Lord. Through your leadership, the group becomes a place of discipleship, support, and transformation.

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Community Group Structure

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***Welcome**

Begin by warmly greeting everyone and helping them feel at ease. Take a few moments to share any upcoming church events and important announcements.

***Worship and Prayer**

Create space for your group members to focus on God through singing and prayer before diving into scripture reading and discussion. Be intentional about this time and set the tone for your time together.

***Discussion**

Each week's discussion will be based on the previous Sunday's sermon. Questions will be available on the group's website ahead of time so participants can prepare. There will be at least 3 open-ended questions, each introduced with scripture reading. Be sure to read the scripture aloud and allow time for everyone to reflect and share. Embrace moments of silence allowing time for Holy Spirit to move as each person reflects and hears from Him.

***Serve**

As your group builds trust and does life together, a natural expression of love will be to serve one another through prayer, encouragement, listening, and meeting real needs for each other.

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GROUP COVENANT

I will commit to the following expectations:

1. I pledge myself fully to the Lord, with the anticipation that I am entering a time of accelerated spiritual transformation.

2. I will meet with my discipleship group for an hour every week, throughout the months of this study.

3. I will complete my assignments on a weekly basis before my group in order to contribute to the discussion.

4. Everything said will be in the atmosphere of confidentiality, honesty, and transparency for the edification of others in the group.

5. I will pray every week for those who are on the discipleship journey with me.

6. I will begin praying about leading another discipleship group upon completion of this study.

Group Member _____

Date _____

Group Leader _____

Date _____