LIVING FAITH

Group Leader Guide – November 1st, 2026

Group Announcements:

- 11th Hour Prayer | Mon-Thurs @ 11 am (in the church office)
- Operation Christmas Child | Boxes due by Nov 15th
- Baptism Sunday Nov 8th | Sign up at winacity.com/contact
- 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 something you were absolutely terrified of as a kid that seems ridiculous now? Share Briefly. 10 min total time for discussion

LEARN IT: Fear Doesn't Have The Final Say

Read: 2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV)

> *For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.*

- In what ways might we have allowed fear to influence our everyday decisions without realizing it? Allow 3-5 min for discussion.

Leader Note: Fear is one of the enemy's greatest tools because it can silence, intimidate, and control us without ever physically restraining us. Yet Jesus declared that the gates of Hades would not overcome His Church. We have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control. Our confidence isn't found in our own strength, but in knowing who Jesus is and trusting the authority He holds.

SHARE IT: Know Whose Authority You Carry

Read: **Luke 10:19** (NASB95)

> *Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.*

- Has there ever been a time when you have approached a spiritual struggle as though the outcome depended entirely on your own strength? 3-5 min discussion

Leader Note: When the disciples celebrated their authority over demons, Jesus redirected their attention to something far greater—their salvation. Our confidence isn't found in the power we exercise, but in the One we belong to. Christ has already secured the victory, and we stand in His authority, not our own.

LIVE IT: Submit to God. Resist the Devil

Read: James 4:7 (NASB95)

> *Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

- The message connected spiritual warfare with things like pride, selfishness, and compromise. Why do you think these ordinary struggles are so important? Share briefly: 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)

Leader Note: Jesus has already secured the victory, but we have a responsibility to walk in it. James 4:7 teaches us that submission comes before resistance. When we surrender our attitudes, choices, and actions to God's authority, we can stand firm against the enemy—not fighting to earn victory, but living from the victory Christ has already won.

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 is one thing you know God has been asking you to address that you've continued to put off?
- **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