

Group Leader Guide – March 22nd, 2026**Group Announcements:**

- Easter – April 5th – invite your friends and neighbors
- April 8th – 29th – Essentials Class for Adults Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 pm! Dinner and Childcare (ages 0-5) provided. Suggested donation \$40.00
- Women's Retreat is coming up Sept 10-12! Registration is OPEN! Be sure to register by June 10th!
- 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.

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 offer a wide range of games for you to choose from.

WARM UP:

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

- What's one thing you're naturally good at (no overthinking allowed!)? Share Briefly. 10 min total time for discussion

LEARN IT: This Is Us: A Sent People

Read: Mark 16:15

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Can you recall a specific moment when you knew God was prompting you to step out—but you chose not to? What held you back? Share Briefly. Allow 3-5 min for discussion.

Leader Note: The church was never meant to be a place we simply attend. Jesus didn't call us to gather and stay, but to go and carry the Gospel into every part of our lives. God's mission moves forward when we shift from spectators to participants, and the entire body of Christ is mobilized.

SHARE IT: This Is Us: Called and Capable

Read: Ephesians 4:11-12

And he gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service to the building up of the body of Christ.

What is one thing you know God has put in you, but you have been afraid or unwilling to use it for Him?
Share Briefly. 3-5 min discussion

Leader Note: God has intentionally placed each believer in specific environments, relationships, and roles. Your workplace, home, skills, and influence are not distractions from ministry, but the strategy. The early church grew because ordinary people carried an extraordinary purpose into their daily lives. When we stop dividing life into sacred and secular, we begin to see that everything becomes sacred when it is surrendered to God.

LIVE IT: This Is Us: Spirit-Led, Not Fear-Led

Read: 2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

What is the real fear causing you to hesitate to step out in faith? (rejection, failure, loss of control, or something else) Share Briefly 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)

Leader Note: The Christian life was never meant to be lived passively or cautiously, but in response to God's voice. Fear, confusion, and pessimism will always attempt to slow or stop that response, but they do not come from God. When we align ourselves with His truth that He has given us power, love, and discipline, we begin to move with confidence, not because we feel ready, but because He is faithful.

PRAY:

Use a group chat (WhatsApp, Messenger, Instagram, etc.) and add everyone in your group. 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 a daily encouragement for everyone, like scripture verses, encouraging thoughts, spontaneous hangouts, etc.

- What is God highlighting to you most from this message right now? 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