

Group Leader Guide – November 17, 2024

Group Announcements:

- Family Christmas Movie Night – Dec 6th, 6 pm – pizza & pop corn
- All Church Christmas Party – Chili Contest
- End of Groups Season – Nov 24th
- **Please hand out the Groups Calendar for 2025**
- If you would like to Host a group in the next season let your group leader know and attend the training - Jan 9th, 2025

Attendance:

- Group leaders please submit your attendance by person's name through our Leader Tools page winacity.com/leader-tools - no later than the day after your group meets

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 also 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.

- **Describe the last time you committed to a new habit. How long did it last? Why do you think you did or did not succeed** – **10 min total time for discussion**

LEARN IT:

- **Read – Romans 6:17-19 (NASB95)**
- ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became **obedient from the heart** to that form of teaching to which you were committed,
- ¹⁸ and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.
- ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.
- **So many people believe that once they pray the prayer for salvation they have checked the box and are good with God. It takes a life of surrender to God to allow Him to sanctify us. Allow**
3-5 min for discussion

Leader Note: sanctification definition – the act of becoming more personally dedicated to God; especially by becoming more distinct, devoted, or morally pure.

SHARE IT:

- We are sanctified through our obedience of heart

Read: Romans 6:17 (NASB95) ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, **you became obedient from the heart** to that form of teaching to which you were committed

Describe a time when you knew the right thing to do but on the inside you didn't want to do it. How difficult was it to do that right thing and what did it take to change yourself? It takes humility to be obedient in heart. **3-5 min discussion**

- We are slaves to righteousness

Read: Romans 6:18 (NASB95) ¹⁸ and having been freed from sin, **you became slaves of righteousness.**

Paul introduced himself as a slave of Christ! What does being a bond servant with Christ in regards to righteousness mean to you? **5 min discussion**

LIVE IT:

A person who is obedient and submitted to Christ is trustworthy and can be counted on to do God's will.

What areas of your life do you need to submit to God on a deeper level – from the heart, not just in action? **Allow 3-5 min for discussion**

PRAY:

Use a group chat (WhatsApp, Messenger etc.) and add everyone in your group. As prayer requests are given in the group time, make one message with all the prayer requests and post it in the chat. Encourage everyone to pray for the needs throughout the week. You may also post daily encouragement for everyone like scripture verses, encouraging thoughts, spontaneous hangouts etc.

- spend about 5 min collecting prayers in your group chat / 10 min for prayer
- Share testimonies with each other; you may send them to stella@winacity.com so we can encourage the church
- give each group member a chance to pray

Suggestion:

- You may lay hands on people who need healing, 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