**Group Leader Guide – April 20th, 2025**

**Group Announcements:**

* Night of Prayer – April 27th @ 6pm
* National Day of prayer – May 1st
* I Love My City – May 17-18
* Freedom conference – June 20-21
* 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](https://winacity.sharepoint.com/sites/LFCMinistries/Shared%20Documents/Life%20Groups/LG%20Curriculum/Sermon%20Notes/Oct%202024/admin.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.

* If Fear wasn’t a factor, what’s one bold thing you’d love to try? 10 min total time for discussion

**LEARN IT: We will experience persecution throughout our lives**

**Read:** Revelation 2:9

*I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say the are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.*

Have you ever felt like no one understood what you were going through?- Allow 3-5 min for discussion

**Leader Note:** Jesus truly understands pain and suffering on a deep and personal level. He took the beating, humiliation, and ultimate punishment for us on the cross. There is nothing that we will go through in life that he has not been experienced.

**SHARE IT: Overcoming Fear through Faith**

**Read:** Revelation 2:10

*Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

Why do you think God allows us to face fear instead of just removing it?**?** Share Briefly 3-5 min discussion

**Leader Note:** Fear is a tool of the enemy to disorient, paralyze, and blind us from God’s truth and purpose in our life. Because Jesus conquered fear, death, and the grave, it no longer has the power to control us.

**LIVE IT: Walk in Resurrection Power**

**Read**: Revelation 2:11

*He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death*

Are there areas of your life that you have allowed things to hold you back from the call that God has placed on your life? Allow 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)

**Leader Note:** Jesus gives a strong call to repent, not out of anger, but out of love. His warning comes with a promise: hidden manna, a white stone, and a new name—for those who overcome and remain faithful. Whether you are a pastor, parent, mentor or friend, commit to confronting falsehood in love.

**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.**

* **What struggles are you currently facing that you need to surrender to God? What is a step of faith you can take this week? Leaders, please prepare some YouTube worship music and spend some time with your group waiting in His presence and worshiping 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