

## Group Leader Guide – January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Group Announcements:

- Month of Prayer & Fasting – Sunday Prayer Nights @ 6 pm
- 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 – March 27th, 2025

### Attendance:

- Group leaders please submit your attendance by person's name through our Leader Tools page [winacity.com/leader-tools](http://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.

- How did you spend your Christmas Holidays? Tell us an interesting story – 10 min total time for discussion

### LEARN IT:

**Read** – Psalm 51:1-6

*Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. 2. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.*

- What were the circumstances in which David wrote Psalm 51? Give a brief account of the story of Bathsheba - Allow 3-5 min for discussion

### SHARE IT:

**Read:** II Sam 12:5 (NASB95)

*Then David's anger burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, surely the man who has done this [d]deserves to die. 6 He must make restitution for the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and had no compassion."*

What is your response when you get caught in sin? Do you pretend it was someone else, or do you own up to it. 3-5 min discussion

**Leader Note:** Asking God to forgive us requires an honest confession in connecting with God's grace.

**Read:** Psalms 51:11-12 (NASB95)

*11 Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit.*

Do you feel shameful after you have already repented but are reluctant to come to God and His presence? Do you feel like you don't deserve to? Allow 3-5 min for discussion

**Leader Note:** David knew that he didn't just need the absence of sin, but the presence of God

**LIVE IT:**

Psalms 51:15-16 - <sup>15</sup> O Lord, <sup>[b]</sup>open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise. <sup>16</sup> For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it;)

We need to allow ourselves to move past unforgiveness toward ourselves to walk into the calling in our lives. Do you have unforgiveness toward yourself for something you have done in the past and have already repented to God for? Allow 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (may be turn on some worship music)

**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.**

- As people start sharing from the last question – take some time and pray over them
- give each group member a chance to pray
- if no one is sharing take some time to pray over each other as a group
- Share testimonies with each other; you may send them to [stella@winacity.com](mailto: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