

Group Leader Guide – October 4th, 2026

Group Announcements:

- 11th Hour Prayer | Mon-Thurs @ 11 am (in the church office)
- Operation Christmas Child | Boxes due by Nov 15th
- Night of Prayer & Worship | October 25th @ 6 pm
- 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 thought only "old people" did that you now enjoy? Share Briefly. 10 min total time for discussion

LEARN IT: Bondage Begins With Immoral Alliances

Read: Deuteronomy 7:3-4 (NASB95)

Furthermore, you shall not intermarry with them; you shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor shall you take their daughters for your sons. For they will turn your sons away from following Me to serve other gods, then the anger of the Lord will be kindled against you, and he will quickly destroy you.

- Have you ever had to walk away from an opportunity because accepting it would require compromising something you believed? Allow 3-5 min for discussion.

Leader Note: The people and influences we align ourselves with will shape us. Before saying yes to a relationship, opportunity, or ambition, we should ask: Will this strengthen my walk with God, or will I have to compromise to keep it?.

SHARE IT: Bondage Grows When Compromise Becomes Trivial

Read: 1 Kings 16:31 (NASB95)

It came about, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he married Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians and went to serve Baal and worshipped him.

- Why is gradual compromise often harder to recognize than obvious rebellion? 3-5 min discussion

Leader Note: Ahab treated as trivial what God had called serious. We can do the same when comfort, culture, or convenience begins reshaping our convictions. Spiritual maturity means allowing God—not our surroundings—to determine what we take seriously.

LIVE IT: Bondage Deepens When We Build Altars to What We Once Tolerated

Read: 1 Kings 16:32 (NASB95)

So he erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal which he built in Samaria.

What started as something you occasionally allowed but has now become something you regularly make room for? Share Briefly 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)

Leader Note: Ahab didn't stop at tolerating Baal worship—he built an altar to it. What we repeatedly make room for can eventually gain our devotion. We have to ask not only what we allow in our lives, but what has begun to receive our time, attention, and obedience.

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 can this group pray with you about—and follow up with you on next week? 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