

Group Leader Guide – April 6th, 2025**Group Announcements:**

- New Service Times (8 am | 9:30 am | 11:15 am)
- Easter Sunday – April 20th
- 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 –

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.

- **What is something from your childhood that has left a permanent memory of an amazing experience?** 10 min total time for discussion

LEARN IT: Our First Love

Read: Revelation 2:2-4

I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake and have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

What's something you did when you were a new believer that made you feel really excited about your faith? - Allow 3-5 min for discussion

Leader Note: We were created to love and worship God. When we allow tasks, ministry, and even people to distract us from our relationship with Him, we tend to lose sight of our first love.

SHARE IT: Jesus gives us warning

Read: Revelation 2:5

Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first, or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place – unless you repent.

How can we guard against drifting away from our first love for Christ in our daily lives?- 3-5 min discussion

Leader Note: When we remember that it is less about what we are doing and more about who we are doing it for, we are able to refocus on God and his purpose and plan for us. Staying in community with others who are strong in their faith helps us gain perspective and accountability.

LIVE IT: The Remedy

Read: Hebrews 12:2

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Are there any areas of your life (work, family, personal goals) where you feel like you've lost sight of Jesus or have made it more about "doing" than about "being" with Him? Allow 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)

Leader Note: We as the Church are called to live out its love for Christ, which is more than performing religious duties—it's about a daily relationship with Jesus, marked by devotion, surrender, and adoration.

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 steps can you personally take this week to rekindle your first love for Jesus? How can you bring that passion back into your daily life. Leaders, please prepare some YouTube worship music and spend some time with your group waiting in His presence and worshipping 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