

**Group Leader Guide – February 23rd, 2025****Group Announcements:**

- All In Express – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 (All 4 weeks in 1 afternoon) – lunch provided
- PNW Women’s conference – March 20-22; register on [winacity.com/calendar](http://winacity.com/calendar)
- Auditorium B – painting – have a sign up sheet – March 3-7th
- 3 services launch – April 6
- If you would like to Host a group in the next season let your group leader know and attend the next training

**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) –

**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.

- Did you have a favorite toy or blanket that you carried around as a child? At what age did you stop carrying it around? – 10 min total time for discussion

**LEARN IT:** God’s Presence produces Divine Discomfort

Read – Exodus 3:5

*Then He said, “Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”*

Have you ever experienced a “Divine Discomfort” Share briefly? Allow 3-5 min for discussion

**Leader Note:** Divine discomfort is where God causes you to be uncomfortable in one season to prepare you for another season

**SHARE IT: Moments of Frustration are an invitation of God’s presence.**

Read: Psalm 51:10-11

*“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.”*

Was there a time when you allowed your frustration to separate you from God’s Presence? 3-5 min discussion

**Leader Note:** God uses divine discomfort to draw us to him.

**LIVE IT: Actively seek out the presence of God**

**Read:** Romans 8:1-2

*“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.”*

- Spend time in worship and prayer daily
- Read the word consistently
- Allow divine discomfort to take you outside of your “comfort zone”

Where in your life do you sense that God is wanting to move you into a new season? What are some indicators of that? Look for divine discomfort. Allow 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)

**Leader Note:** Purposeful and intentional time spent in his presence will allow us to draw closer to Him than ever before. Our hearts and minds are renewed by prayer, fasting, worship, and reading the Word consistently. When we align with God and His presence, He begins to reveal the areas of change and movement. Only in the place of surrender can we recognize that Divine Discomfort moves us forward into a new season

**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.

- **As people share from the last question allow for some time of reflection and prayer. Surrender to God and His ways mean separation from the world and more realized authority over the enemy in our personal lives”**
- 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](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