

Life Group Leader Training

January 12, 2025

Prayer

- Begin time with check-in an prayer for each other.

Overall Group Vision - Revisit the Up, In, Out group vision

- UP – Knowing Jesus intimately
- IN – Being known authentically
- OUT – Making Jesus known practically

Every table and life group should have this as their goal...the purpose of the group will inevitably shape the percentages offered to each piece. For example, a life group will have more proximity and capacity to reach out to invite their neighbors for a BBQ – a relational strategy to making Jesus known. A Friday morning Men’s study might do something different.

What is the role of the leader within that vision framework?

- Embrace the vision personally – we cannot lead what we don’t personally do.
 - Assess your own walk with Jesus.
 - Praying Psalm 139
- Grow as a leader
 - The Way of the Shepherd
 - Group Leader Scenarios
- Have an “Empower Others” mindset – looking for available, humble people to step up and lead.
- First Step: Seeing **every follower** of Jesus as a leader.
 - Acts 1:8 – *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*
 - Acts 4:13 - *When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.*
 - A.W. Tozer writes, *“The Spirit-filled life is not a special, deluxe edition of Christianity. It is part and parcel of the total plan of God for His people.”*
- As a leader, ask yourself: Who in my group could be ready to lead in this next season? And, how can I begin to give them opportunities?

Digging Deeper

- What is one way your group is “Knowing Jesus” together? (the UP in our vision)
- How will you grow in this component of groups this winter? Share one goal with your table.