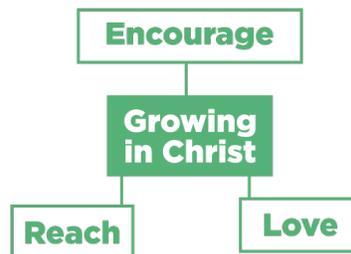


Leadership Essentials

In order to create a safe place to help others learn to live on mission with Jesus, there are four main dynamics, or essentials, you need to embrace and implement as a leader.



Growing in Christ:

- Your number one priority as a leader is to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ and model dependence on Him. You can't lead someone else where you are not willing to go.
- In John 15, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine and branches to help us see we need to stay intimately connected to Him to thrive and produce good fruit in our lives.
- As a leader, you don't have to be perfect, but you do need to set an example of seeking Jesus first (Mt. 6:33), developing disciplines that help you abide in Him, and ask for help when you need it.

Love:

- The second key dynamic to leading a healthy group is to create a safe place where people are loved wherever they are. This means people are seen, known, valued, and cared for.
- In John 13, Jesus said that the world will know we are His disciples by the way we love one another.
- As a leader, you don't have to meet everyone's needs, but you do need to shepherd your group to welcome new people and cultivate authentic, loving relationships inside and outside the group.

Encourage:

- The third key dynamic to leading a healthy group is to encourage everyone to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. This means you are inviting people in your group to trust and take their next steps of faith in Him.
- In Matthew 7, Jesus gives a metaphor with a stark contrast to help see different foundations we can build our life on—obeying God's Word or the false promises of the world.
- As a leader, you don't have to be an expert in the Bible, but you do need to help people experience the truth of the Gospel and become more established in their faith in Jesus Christ.

Reach:

- The fourth key dynamic to leading a healthy group is to equip your group to learn to live on mission with Jesus. This means people are serving selflessly and sharing willingly about the hope of Jesus.
- In Matthew 28, Jesus commissioned His followers to go into all the world and make disciples wherever they live, learn, work and play.
- As a leader, you don't have to have all the answers about faith, but you do need to encourage our group live on mission by serving others and sharing the Gospel in their everyday life and relationships.