

Group Leader Guide: Gospel-Centered groups

Expectations: Regularly cast vision for the 3 things the group is designed to help you with:

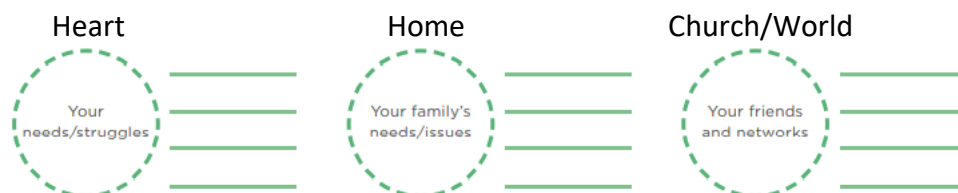
1. **Love:** The group is a safe place to share about your struggles, love each other, and invite a friend.
2. **Encourage:** The group will encourage you to grow by spending time in God's Word, prayer, and taking steps of faith to obey Jesus.
3. **Reach:** The group will encourage you to serve others and share the Gospel through your everyday relationships.

Curriculum: The Bible and your life (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 1 Corinthians 11:1)

1. We recommend starting with the GROW devotional to equip your group to create a shared understanding of how to engage Scripture and grow in relationship with Jesus. (Grow Devotional is a [pdf you can find here](#))
2. After you finish the Grow devotional, your group picks a book of the New Testament at a time to read. During the week, everyone reads 4-5 chapters and practices SOAPS/ PRAY on their own.
3. The leader then picks a key passage from the reading that week and models SOAPS for discussion.
4. If you want to start with the Bible rather than the Grow devotional, [here is a tool you can share](#) with your group to learn how to spend time with Jesus in Scripture and prayer on their own.

Group Format: Share, SOAPS, Steps (Romans 12:1-2, Galatians 6:1-3)

1. **Share** (20 min): Plan an icebreaker question to connect and share life together.
 - a. Instead of an icebreaker, you can also have someone share their story.
 - b. Begin with sharing your story and equip your group with the [How to Share your Story guide](#).
2. **Scripture** (20-25 min): Leader picks the key passage of the week and shows the group how to do the SOAPS method.
 - a. **Scripture:** Have the group read the passage out loud.
 - b. **Observation:** Make some simple observations about what the passage says together.
 - c. **Application:** Share why the passage impacted you and make an application to your life.
 - d. **Prayer/ Share:** Transition to growth partners.
3. **Steps:** Transition to growth partners (3 people is ideal) (40-45 min)
 - a. **Follow up:** Have everyone share how they did with their action step from last week and any opportunities they had to share their faith.
 - b. **This week:**
 - i. Have everyone share a truth from Scripture they need embrace from this week's reading that the Holy Spirit highlighted for them.
 - ii. Have everyone share an action step God is leading them to take to live differently.
 - iii. Write down and share prayer requests and Gospel opportunities in your three circles below.
 - iv. Pray for each other's needs and opportunities to share the Gospel with others.



Model and train others with this method until everyone is trained to lead.