



THE ONE MONTH TO LIVE CHALLENGE

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR GROUP LEADERS

Remember: it is GOD alone who has assembled your group and given you the opportunity to lead. Without question it is GOD who will supply the grace and the strength to guide you and your group through this series.

On your Small Group DVD we have supplied a video session for group leaders that is insightful, practical and encouraging for first-time leaders as well as those who have lead before.

REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS TO ASSIST YOU AS YOU LEAD YOUR GROUP:

- 1 God is in charge.** Rely solely on him and be faithful in prayer for strength and wisdom. You were not selected to do this on your own nor were you selected to serve without being served. Be open and willing for how GOD wants to use you to lead while He alone does His work in you.

- 2 Partner Up.** Partner with a spouse, a friend or another individual in your group for prayer support as well as practical assistance in administration, hospitality and follow up.

- 3 Be Prepared.** Be prepared to review and discuss the sessions before your group arrives. Simply review the DVD session and small group chapters in advance.

- 4 Be open.** GOD wants to use you as you are – where you are in your own journey to connect with those in your group. Most importantly, as a group support each other in prayer while ensuring a safe harbor of confidentiality. Honor each other by listening, encouraging, praying and keeping confidentiality as a non-negotiable principle.

- 5 Encourage Participation.** While each of us are wired differently it is important to orchestrate conversation that encourages each type of personality to feel comfortable over time.

- 6 Have fun.** This is not a task on your to-do list. This is GOD at work through your willingness to lead. Often groups begin with dinner where social connection becomes a key ingredient to trusting each other and growing together.

- 7 Ask for input.** Be flexible on how you lead and how the group wishes to refine the amount of time spent and the flow of the session. There is not one perfect way.

- 8 Pray.** Pray often and pray consistently and in cooperation with reading the Bible daily. Your strength and sustenance will come from reading and seeking GOD in prayer. Surrender in advance to your own ideas and agendas and replace them with inviting GOD to lead you and your group.

HONOR EACH OTHER

GROUP ATTENDANCE

We want to give priority to the group meeting please call or email if you will be late or can't attend.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

We want to create a safe place where you share and feel loved. So we won't give quick answers, snap judgements or simple fixes.

RESPECT DIFFERENCES

We will be gentle and gracious to people with different spiritual maturity, personal opinions, temperaments, or imperfections.

CONFIDENTIALITY

We will keep anything that is shared strictly confidential.

ENCOURAGE GROWTH

We will make a conscious effort to reach out to others and share our spiritual life. We will use the unique spiritual talents God has given us.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

We will keep an open chair so that God might bring someone new to our group.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

We will remember that each of us is a minister and will share team responsibilities.

ROTATE LEADERS

We want to have the option to encourage different people to host the group and lead the meeting.