

New Song Group Leader GUIDELINES

Vision of New Song Groups: Follow Christ Together in Kingdom Community.

Key Verse of New Song Small Groups: Philippians 1:27 “Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ.

1. Be committed to the study of God’s Word through the chosen curriculum – this is our opportunity to dig deeper together.

2. Be excited and expectant about what God will do through you and this group.

3. Encourage each other to grow in relationship with Jesus, and to align our beliefs and actions with the Bible’s truths.

4. Pray for one another. Prayer is powerful. Continue to pray for each other throughout the week. Prayer helps build the bond of real Kingdom friendships.

5. Welcome newcomers. Be inviting and help plug people into Kingdom community.

6. Refrain from gossip. Unless the topic is glorifying to God and praiseworthy, do not speak of a mutual acquaintance or friend who is not present.

7. Be sensitive to the Spirit. Be quick to listen and slow to speak. Do not dominate the discussion - allow for equal opportunity for contribution to the conversation.

8. We are here to sharpen one another, not fix each other. Any advice given should always point to God and agree with His Word. Take care not to overwhelm the person. Consider if the person is seeking guidance or just needs a listening ear.

9. Avoid conflict. It is okay to disagree. It is not okay to argue within the group. If you and another member do not agree on a topic, move on. Conflict-prone topics such as politics should be avoided in groups.

10. Assure confidentiality. What is said in the group, stays in the group – protect this environment fiercely. The only exception is when someone threatens to hurt themselves or someone else.

11. Abstain from alcohol and other addictive substances in group. Do not consume, offer, nor discuss them during group time. You never know what a brother or sister is struggling with. The exception would be if someone is discussing his or her recovery or struggle – this type of healing discussion is permitted and encouraged.

12. Avoid favoritism. Be inclusive by helping all group members feel welcome and equal in the Kingdom. Respect everyone’s contribution by avoiding cross-talk during group discussion. Bullying or any behavior that negatively singles someone out will not be tolerated.

It is your responsibility as a Group Leader, to not attempt to intervene in people’s personal lives beyond your role.

If you feel there is a need, issue, or concern that should be addressed by church pastors or staff, contact our Groups Leadership Team at groups@newsongpeople.com