

New Song Outreach Group Leader GUIDELINES

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

Vision of New Song's Outreach Ministry: Show Up and Serve

Key Verse of New Song 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.

Key Verse of New Song's Outreach Ministry: Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

1. Be committed to show up and serve with your whole heart – this is our opportunity to represent Jesus in our community together.

2. Be excited and expectant about what God will do through both your group members and the city through 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 those you are serving with, and pray for those you are serving. Prayer is powerful. Continue to pray between group events. Prayer helps build the bond of real Kingdom friendships and make a way for what the Lord wants to do in our community!

5. Welcome newcomers. Be inviting both during group events and when seeking out others at church who are not yet plugged into a group.

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. Do not speak negatively about the organization you are serving, the church or others.

7. Be sensitive to the Spirit. Be quick to listen and slow to speak. We are here to serve with our whole hearts, not do what only Jesus can do.

Biblically sound advice is welcome but take care not to overwhelm the person. Consider if the person is seeking advice or just needs a listening ear.

8. Avoid conflict: It is okay to disagree. It is not okay to argue within the group. If you and another group member do not agree on a topic, move on. This is not the setting to talk about politics, divisive social issues, or any issues with how an organization is run.

9. 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.

10. 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 permissible and encouraged.

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