GROUP LEADER RESOURCES

10 Behaviors of Great Group Leaders

Whether you are an experienced group leader or one who is just starting, it's helpful to do a self check-in periodically to make sure you're leading your group well. While there are many behaviors of great group leaders, here are our top 10:

- 1. Invest in your own relationship with Jesus.
- 2. Structure meetings to include relationship building, spiritual growth, and prayer.
- 3. Facilitate discussion; don't teach. Ask questions. You should be doing the least talking.
- 4. Balance truth and grace in your response to challenging group members.
- 5. Take time to plan studies, group outings, and group service projects.
- 6. Distribute duties among group members to alleviate the burden on you.
- 7. Connect with your group between meetings, especially giving support through challenges.
- 8. Solicit feedback from the group. Get their ideas on meeting format, studies, fun, etc.
- 9. Seek guidance from your coach, Groups ministry leadership, and other group leaders.
- 10. Make time for rest and renewal to keep from getting worn down.

If you're struggling with a few of these, just pick one or two to focus on for a while. Then move to another behavior. Regular practice will solidify these behaviors and help your group thrive.