

Group Leader Guide – May 17th, 2026**Group Announcements:**

- Night of Prayer & Worship – May 24th @ 6 pm
- Pray for Pastor Aaron through surgery & recovery!
- June 3-24th – Essentials Class for Adults Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 pm!
- If you would like to host a group in the next season, let your group leader know!

Attendance:

- Group leaders, please submit your attendance by person's name through our Leader Tools page winacity.com/leader-tools –

FELLOWSHIP:

During this time, you may plan for food. This could be anything from just snacks to a full dinner. Games are also appropriate. YouTube and Google offer a wide range of games for you to choose from.

Use your group chat to create a place where people can be informed about your group's times and what to bring for food.

WARM UP:

As a starting point for your group discussion, consider asking questions that encourage conversation and help participants share about themselves.

- **What's your go-to excuse when you don't want to do something? Share Briefly. 10 min total time for discussion**

LEARN IT: Stir Up What God Already Put In You

Read: 2 Timothy 1:6 (NIV)

For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

- **What gift do you feel that God has already placed in you that you keep postponing because you don't feel ready? Allow 3-5 min for discussion.**

Leader Note: God has already placed gifts and calling inside His people, but gifts do not grow on their own. Like a fire, they must be stirred up through obedience, surrender, faithfulness, and use. Sometimes God is not trying to give us something new; He is simply asking us to develop what He has already given us.

SHARE IT: Character And Faithfulness Fuel The Gift

Read: 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

How does the statement "Potential is real, but it's not power" challenge you personally? 3-5 min discussion

Leader Note: God is not just looking for gifted people. He is forming trustworthy people. Gifts may open doors, but character determines whether someone can sustain what God entrusts to them. Spiritual maturity happens when believers remain humble, teachable, obedient, and available through the refining process.

LIVE IT: Love Leads The Gift

Read: John 13:34-35 (NIV)

A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.

**What does this passage teach us about the relationship between love and discipleship?
Share Briefly 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)**

Leader Note: Spiritual gifts were never meant to draw attention to ourselves—they were meant to reveal Jesus through the way we love people. Without love, even powerful gifts become empty and ineffective. Love keeps our gifts healthy, pure, and centered on serving others instead of promoting ourselves.

PRAY:

Use a group chat (WhatsApp, Messenger, Instagram, etc.) and add everyone to it. Post your group's prayer requests here during your meetings and throughout the week. Encourage everyone to pray for these needs daily. You may also post or do live video as daily encouragement for everyone, such as scripture verses, encouraging thoughts, spontaneous hangouts, etc.

- **What gifts do you believe God has placed inside of you that need to be stirred up again? What is one practical step you can take this week to stir it up? Leaders, please prepare some YouTube worship music and spend some time with your group waiting in His presence and worshipping Him, while incorporating a chosen expression of worship (raising hands, kneeling, etc)**
- Give each group member a chance to pray for any other needs
- Share testimonies with each other; you may send them to stella@winacity.com so we can encourage the church

Suggestion:

- You may lay hands on people who need prayer after you have asked for permission.
- You may also take communion together
- If you have the space and availability, you may do a time of worship

Suggested timeframes for your group:

- 20-30 minutes for fellowship
- 10-15 minutes for Warm up
- 30 minutes for the study
- 10-15 minutes for sharing needs and prayer