

Group Leader Guide – October 25th, 2026

Group Announcements:

- 11th Hour Prayer | Mon-Thurs @ 11 am (in the church office)
- Operation Christmas Child | Boxes due by Nov 15th
- Baptism Sunday Nov 8th | Sign up at winacity.com/contact
- Essentials Nov 2026 | Sign up at winacity.com/calendar
- 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 one adult responsibility you would happily give up forever? Share Briefly. 10 min total time for discussion

LEARN IT: Maturity Doesn't Come With Age

Read: Hebrews 5:12-14 (NASB95)

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.... But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

- What stands out to you about Pastor Aaron's statement, "Growing older is inevitable. Growing up is intentional"? Allow 3-5 min for discussion.

Leader Note: Spiritual maturity doesn't happen simply because time passes. Like Ahab, we can grow in age, influence, and responsibility while remaining spiritually immature. True growth requires discipline, obedience, and a willingness to confront the desires and habits that keep us from becoming who God has called us to be.

SHARE IT: When Passivity Becomes Permission

Read: 1 Kings 21:7 (NASB95)

Jezebel his wife said to him, "do you now reign over Israel? Arise, eat bread, and let your heart be joyful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

- Is there an area of your life that you might be allowing someone else's influence to outweigh your own convictions? 3-5 min discussion

Leader Note: Ahab had authority over an entire kingdom but lacked control over his own desires. Rather than accepting responsibility, he allowed resentment, passivity, and compromise to dictate his actions. His story reminds us that avoiding responsibility doesn't remove accountability, especially when our silence or inaction allows wrongdoing to continue.

LIVE IT: Put Down the Crown, Pick Up the Cross

Read: Mark 10:43-45 (NASB95)

But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

- What things in your life might you be calling surrender that is actually an excuse to avoid accountability? Share Briefly 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)

Leader Note: The opposite of passivity isn't domination, but faithful responsibility. True Christlike leadership isn't about power or control; it's about humility, service, and obedience. Jesus demonstrated that real strength is found in surrendering to God, confronting what is wrong, and faithfully carrying the responsibilities He's entrusted to us, even when it's difficult.

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 is one excuse you need to retire permanently after hearing this message? 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; 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