**Group Leader Guide – February 16th, 2025**

**Group Announcements:**

* All In Express – March 2nd, 2025 (All 4 weeks in 1 afternoon) – lunch provided
* PNW Women’s conference – March 20-22; register on winacity.com/calendar
* 3 services launch – April 6
* If you would like to Host a group in the next season let your group leader know and attend the next training

**Attendance:**

* Group leaders please submit your attendance by person’s name through our Leader Tools page [winacity.com/leader-tools](https://winacity.sharepoint.com/sites/LFCMinistries/Shared%20Documents/Life%20Groups/LG%20Curriculum/Sermon%20Notes/Oct%202024/admin.winacity.com/leader-tools) - When you think about yourself… what are some funny ways you are different than other people? Do you have any hidden talents or weird quirks no later than the day after your group meets

**FELLOWSHIP:**

During this time, you may plan for food. This could be anything from just snacks to a full dinner.

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

Games are also appropriate. Youtube and Google have many games listed that you can choose from.

**WARM UP:**

As a starting point for your group discussion, you may want to ask some questions that will get people talking and help share about themselves.

* If you could be a superhero, what would your name be? What kind of superpower would you want to have? – 10 min total time for discussion

**LEARN IT: All Holiness Starts with God**

Read **–** 1 Peter 1:15-16

*But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy”*

Have you been around someone who was different from other people? What was it that you saw or heard that caught your attention ? Allow 3-5 min for discussion

**Leader Note:** God is the author and source of all holiness. There is NO holiness apart from Him.

**SHARE IT: Adversity is often the motivator that God uses to lead us to pursue holiness.**

**Read**: Deuteronomy 8:3

*“So, He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every work that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.****”***

Have you ever had a time when after going through a period of adversity, you felt refreshed rather than run-down? What is the biggest thing you remember about that time? Share briefly 3-5 min discussion

**Leader Note:** The hardships of life motivate us to seek God with all our heart, soul, and mind.

**LIVE IT: Allow the Holy Spirit to shape our hearts of holiness.**

**Read**: Matthew 22:37

*“Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”*

* Present yourself as a living sacrifice to God
* Love Jesus with all your heart
* Take sinful thoughts captive and fix your eyes on Jesus
* Look at trials and adversity through a different lens

What are some ways you can practically present yourself as a living sacrifice before God? Are you willing to do so? Allow 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)

**Leader Note:** Reading the word, praying, and spending time in the presence of God will renew our minds and give us fresh perspective on our current situations. Reorganizing our priorities to make God’s Kingdom first in our lives; submitting our finances to Him through tithing, submitting to the authority in our life etc.

**PRAY:**

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

* **As people share from the last question allow for some time of reflection and prayer. Surrender to God and His ways mean separation from the world and more realized authority over the enemy in our personal lives”**
* 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