

Group Leader Guide – March 29th, 2026**Group Announcements:**

- Easter – April 5th – invite your friends and neighbors
- April 8th – 29th – Essentials Class for Adults Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 pm! Dinner and Childcare (ages 0-5) provided. Suggested donation \$40.00
- Women’s Retreat is coming up Sept 10-12! Registration is OPEN! Be sure to register by June 10th!
- 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.

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 offer a wide range of games for you to choose from.

WARM UP:

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

- If your commitment level had a warning label, what would it say? (“May start strong but fades after 3 days,” “Only committed when caffeinated,” etc.) Share Briefly. 10 min total time for discussion

LEARN IT: Counting The Cost

Read: Luke 14:28

For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?

- What area of your life might there be a cost that you have been unwilling to pay, even though you know God is asking you to do so? Share Briefly. Allow 3-5 min for discussion.

Leader Note: Jesus doesn’t call us to a half-hearted faith; He makes it clear that following Him requires intentional surrender. Discipleship isn’t emotional or convenient; it’s a daily decision to follow Him no matter the cost. A life not fully committed risks misrepresenting the King to a watching world.

SHARE IT: Deny Yourself

Read: Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after Me, He must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.”

Is there an area of your life that you are still trying to control instead of surrendering it to God? Share Briefly. 3-5 min discussion

Leader Note: To deny yourself means to surrender your right to run your own life completely. It's choosing God's will over your preferences, His truth over your feelings, and His authority over your desires. This isn't a partial adjustment; it's a full transfer of ownership.

LIVE IT: Take Up Your Cross And Follow Him

Read: Luke 14:27

And whosoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

- What does taking up your cross look like in your actual daily routine? Share Briefly 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)

Leader Note: Taking up your cross means choosing a life of daily surrender, where obedience to Jesus outweighs comfort, reputation, and personal preference. It's not a symbol, but a decision to die to your old life and live fully aligned with Him.

PRAY:

Use a group chat (WhatsApp, Messenger, Instagram, etc.) and add everyone in your group. 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 a daily encouragement for everyone, like scripture verses, encouraging thoughts, spontaneous hangouts, etc.

- What is one specific area God is asking you to obey in right now? 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