**Group Leader Guide – October 20th, 2024**

**Group Announcements:**

* Missions Trip to Croatia – Sign up to go by October 30th
* Live Worship Recording – Nov 8 @ 6 pm with Clayton Hackett – invite everyone
* If you would like to Host a group in the next season let your group leader know and attend the training - Jan 9th, 2025

**Attendance:**

* Group leaders please submit your attendance by person’s name through our Leader Tools page <admin.winacity.com/leader-tools> - 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 also 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.

* Have you had a time in your childhood when someone took the blame for something bad you did? Did you feel guilty or relieved? – 10 min total time for discussion

**LEARN IT:**

* Mankind is a tri-part being - spirit, soul and body
* **Read -** 1 Corinthians 15:42 (NASB95)

*42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body;*

* **Read** - 1 Corinthians 6:19 (NASB95)

19 *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?*

* If our bodies are perishable and will pass away, does God care for our body and how we treat it? Allow 3-5 min for discussion
* **Read**, Isaiah 53:4–5 NASB95
* 4 *Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed*.
* What does this scripture mean by “He was pierced for our transgressions”? This includes all past, present and future sins including the sin nature that came down from Adam and Eve

Allow 3-5 min for duscussion

**SHARE IT:**

Atonement is the act of offering sacrifice for sin. Jesus offered this sacrifice for all mankind once and for all. The practices in the Old Testament of animal sacrifice were replaced by Jesus’s sacrifice on the Cross. The requirement of the law was satisfied once and for all through this action.

Romans 3:25 NIV

*25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.*

* Atonement provides for the forgiveness of sin
* Atonement removes the consequence of sin, which is death

Sickness is the result of sin entering the world through the actions of Adam and Eve. Sickness is not punishment for people’s sinful behavior. How do you view sickness in your own personal life or in other people’s lives? Do you try to find reasons as to why you / they are sick?

5 min discussion

**LIVE IT:**

Praying in Faith is what God has asked us to do: **Read** James 5:15 NASB95

*15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.*

Salvation and healing are interconnected.

* The Prayer of faith is strong enough to bring **salvation** and **healing** to one’s body. John 5:14
* Healing today **IS GOD’S WILL** but He doesn’t promise us no suffering –
* 1 Peter 2:21 (NASB95)
* 21 *For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,*

Should we stop praying for healing because we have not seen everyone we have prayed for healed? How should we approach healing today? Our job is to pray with faith and God will handle the result. Afterall, He is the source of freedom, healing and life.

5 min discussion

**PRAY:**

**Use a group chat (WhatsApp, Messenger etc.) and add everyone in your group. As prayer requests are given in the group time, make one message with all the prayer requests and post it in the chat. Encourage everyone to pray for the needs throughout the week. You may also post daily encouragement for everyone like scripture verses, encouraging thoughts, spontaneous hangouts etc.**

* spend about 10-15 minutes collection prayer requests and then praying
* focus on praying for healing in your group this week – pray in faith and share testimonies with us. We want to know what God is doing. Send them to stella@winacity.com
* give each group member a chance to pray

**Suggestion:**

* You may lay hands on people who need healing, 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