

Group Leader Guide – March 15th, 2026

Group Announcements:

- March 29th- all groups continue with no break and sign ups; (please review Leader email)
- 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
- 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.

- **What is something you thought would be easy until you actually tried it? Share Briefly. 10 min total time for discussion**

LEARN IT: This Is Us: Recognizing Who Jesus Is

Read: Matthew 16:15-16

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

What is the difference between knowing about Jesus and truly knowing who He is? (encourage each person to share their own answer, not just repeat someone else's) Share Briefly. Allow 3-5 min for discussion.

Leader Note: Discipleship begins with revelation before action. When Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter's answer, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," was more than belief; it was recognition. Jesus is not merely a teacher to admire or a prophet to respect. He is Lord. And when that truth becomes real, everything changes. Discipleship begins the moment Jesus moves from someone we believe in to someone we surrender our lives to.

SHARE IT: This Is Us: Leaving Our Old Life Behind

Read: Luke 9:23

And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

What is one area of your life where you are struggling to leave things behind to fully surrender to Jesus?

Share Briefly. 3-5 min discussion

Leader Note: Every time God says, “I will make you,” He also calls us to leave something behind. Discipleship is not simply believing. It is departing from the life that once defined us. We often desire transformation but resist the disruption that discipleship requires. The evidence of discipleship is not attendance, but what we are willing to leave behind for Christ.

LIVE IT: This Is Us: Becoming What Jesus Is making Us

Read: Matthew 4:19

And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

What do you believe God has called you to, and what might He be asking you to leave behind? Share Briefly 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)

Leader Note: Discipleship is a process of formation. Jesus called ordinary people and shaped them through seasons of learning, faith, correction, and obedience. The disciples began by watching Jesus, then were sent out to act, tested through challenges, and eventually walked boldly in their calling. Many believers remain in the learning stage, but growth happens when we step out in faith and allow Jesus to shape our lives.

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.

- If Jesus truly said to you today, ‘Follow Me and I will make you,’ what would your ‘yes’ require you to leave behind? **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