

Group Leader Guide – September 20th, 2026

Group Announcements:

- 11th Hour Prayer | Mon-Thurs @ 11 am (in the church office)
- Night of Prayer & Worship | September 27th @ 6 pm
- Young Adults Worship Night | September 25th @ 6 pm
- 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 is one thing God taught you, reminded you of, or did in your life over the summer? Share Briefly. 10 min total time for discussion

LEARN IT: Seek First His Kingdom

Read: Matthew 6:33 (NASB95)

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

- What does "seeking God first" look like in your daily walk? Allow 3-5 min for discussion.

Leader Note: Seeking God's Kingdom first means giving Him authority over our plans, not simply asking Him to bless what we want. Prayer precedes when our desire for His will becomes greater than our desire for our way.

SHARE IT: Let God Establish Our Steps

Read: Psalm 37:23 (NASB95)

The steps of a man are established by the Lord, and He delights in his way.

How can we recognize God's direction when the next step isn't completely clear? 3-5 min discussion

Leader Note: This is done through His Word, internal intuition, recognizing the season in our life, and approaching decisions with humility and patience. For big decisions, seek confirmation from spiritual authority.

LIVE IT: When Prayer Precedes – God Prevails!

Read: Proverbs 19:21 (NASB95)

Many plans are in a man's heart, But the counsel of the Lord will stand.

What does trusting God with the outcome actually look like in your life while you're still waiting for an answer? Share Briefly 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)

Leader Note: Prayer doesn't guarantee our plans will turn out the way we expect—it teaches us to trust God with the outcome. When we have sought Him and followed His direction, we can trust that even setbacks, delays, and closed doors are still in His hands. Our plans may change, and the road may get difficult, but our responsibility is obedience; the outcome belongs to God.

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 decision you're facing right now that you need to intentionally pray over and allow God's perspective to be revealed before you proceed? 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