

Group Leader Guide – May 11th, 2025

Group Announcements:

- I Love My City – May 17-18
- Night of Prayer – May 25
- Grad Sunday – June 8
- Freedom conference – June 20-21
- 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 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.

- What is the worst time you have been locked out of something? Tell a quick story. 10 min total time for discussion

LEARN IT: Jesus speaks as the ultimate authority

Read: Revelation 3:7

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this: I know your deeds. Behold I have put before you an open door, which no one can shut...

How can acknowledging Jesus' authority change how you pray or face uncertainty? Allow 3-5 min for discussion

Leader Note: Jesus alone holds the authority to open and shut the door to eternal life. This is not merely an opportunity—it is a divine invitation into everlasting fellowship with Him. The open door He places before us is a symbol of grace and relationship, not earned by works but extended by mercy.

SHARE IT: Faithfulness is proven through testing

Read: Revelation 12:11

And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

In what ways have you experienced God leading you through trials, not around them? 3-5 min discussion

Leader Note: Trials and testing WILL happen in our lives. Our victory comes not by our own strength, intelligence, popularity, or effort – but through our loyal obedience to God.

LIVE IT: Perseverance is the Path to Reward

Read: Revelation 3:12

He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and my new name.

Has there been a time when following Jesus feels costly or isolating, making it difficult to keep going? How can His promises strengthen your endurance? Allow 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)

Leader Note: God will not remove us from the trials of this world without our works being tested! Our faithful endurance – a strength rooted in hope and the confident expectation that He is near to us – is how we share in his triumph. Perseverance is love with endurance, leading to permanent fellowship with God, as well as producing spiritual strength.

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.

- Are there areas in your life where you've been tempted to give up spiritually? What step can you take this week to persevere in that area? Leaders, please prepare some YouTube worship music and spend some time with your group waiting in His presence and worshipping Him.
- 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