

Group Leader Guide – November 2nd , 2025**Group Announcements:**

- Shoebox Packing Parties Nov 2nd & Nov 16th- Lunch Provided
- Baptism – November 9th in the 11:15 am service
- 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 were afraid of as a kid that seems silly now? 10 min total time for discussion

LEARN IT: Fear Is God's Design

Read: Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

If fear is a part of God's design, what does that tell us about how closely fear and faith might actually work together? Allow 3-5 min for discussion.

Leader Note: Fear isn't a flaw in our design; it's evidence of it. God created us with the capacity to fear so we would be anchored to what is true, safe, and holy. When our fear is misplaced, it opens the door for that fear to gain authority over us. But the fear of the Lord is reverence, respect, and awe that aligns us with his will and draws us closer to Him.

SHARE IT: The Spirit Of Fear VS The Fear Of The Lord

Read: Proverbs 29:25

The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the Lord will be exalted.

Read: James 4:8

Draw near to God, and He will draw Near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

In what ways does misunderstanding God's character feed a spirit of fear?

How can a deeper revelation of His love and holiness free you from it? 3-5 min discussion

Leader Note: The spirit of Fear is a tactic of Satan to enslave us, making us timid, anxious, and self-protective. But the fear of the lord liberates us, filling us with awe, humility, and trust. You cannot be afraid of God and draw near to Him at the same time. When we walk in reverence, we find peace, boldness, and wisdom because we live under His authority, not under anxiety or intimidation.

LIVE IT: The Fear Of The Lord Is Reverence and Awe

Read: Hebrews 12:28

Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe.

What does it practically mean to "guard your awe?" How do you protect your heart from becoming impressed by the things that steal wonder from God? Share briefly. 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music)

Leader Note: Standing in reverence and awe of God is to recognize He alone is worthy of our highest respect, submission, and praise. It leads to joyful obedience, not out of duty, but out of a deep honor for who He is. It puts God at the center of our worship, priorities, and desires.

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 fear that God is asking you to lay down — and one area where He's calling you to walk in holy fear instead? **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