LIVING FAITH

Group Leader Guide – November 22nd, 2026

Group Announcements:

- 11th Hour Prayer | Mon-Thurs @ 11 am (in the church office)
- Life Groups | This season ends Dec 6th and the new season launches Jan 17th
- 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 did you dream of becoming when you were a kid? Allow 10 min for discussion.

LEARN IT: Gilead, A Place of Identity

Read: 1 Kings 17:1 (NASB)

- *Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."*
- What do you find yourself leaning on to prove your worth? Allow 3-5 min for discussion.

Leader Note: First Kings never tells us Elijah's father's name, his tribe, his education, or his previous ministry. Elijah doesn't say "Do you know who I am?" He says "As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand." Gilead is where we learn who we belong to before anyone knows who we are. When success defines your identity, no success will ever be enough. Some in your group may be thinking "I'll never be that" because of their past, their age, or their background. Remind them that spiritual pedigree does not come before spiritual prowess, and God develops His people in stages.

SHARE IT: Cherith, A Place of Dependence

Read: *1 Kings 17:4 (NASB)*

- *It shall be that you will drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there.*
- Where is it hardest for you to trust God to provide right now? Allow 3-5 min for discussion.

Leader Note: It is one thing to know that you belong to God. It is another thing to know that your supply belongs to God. Pastor Aaron put it this way: if man can help you, then man can hurt you. This is not a call to pull away from people. God saves us into community, not isolation. The point is to stop depending

on people for what only God can supply. If someone shares a hurt that came from people, listen well, and don't use this point to tell them to just trust God.

LIVE IT: The Valley Is the Assignment

Read: *Philippians 2:6-8 (NASB)*

- *Who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*
- Which of these is God asking you to say yes to this week: forgiving when it costs you, serving when nobody notices, speaking when your voice shakes, or taking the next step when you can't see the whole road? Allow 5-10 min for reflection and prayer (maybe turn on some worship music).

Leader Note: Elijah spent only days on the mountaintop and years in the valley. After the Transfiguration, Jesus led His disciples back down the mountain, where the people and the need were. Philippians 2 shows Jesus' whole ministry as a descent, from glory, to a servant, to the cross. In the kingdom of God, the deepest descent can become the place of greatest ministry. The valley is not punishment for missing the mountaintop. It is where God forms our character.

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.

- Elijah poured into Elisha. Who has God put in your life, and how can you pour into them?
- **Leaders, please prepare some YouTube worship music and spend some time with your group waiting in His presence and worshiping 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; 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