



CG LEADER GUIDE (APR 25-MAY 1)

Focus: UP - God Questions

Before the Meeting

- Consider messaging the group the day of your meeting to remind of meeting times/location, snacks, etc.
- Watch the [Generosity Spiritual Practices video](#).
- Pray before meeting, ask Holy Spirit to lead.

Welcome

GOAL: For the group to be relaxed/comfortable being together. Since the group is "forming," take your time here and feel free to mix it up.

- Review [Upcoming Events-https://monterey.church/events](https://monterey.church/events)
- Go around and do introductions if visitors are present.
- Discussion Question Ideas:
 - How did you see God working in your life last week?
 - What are you most grateful for right now?
 - If you died tomorrow, what is the one thing that you would regret not doing/finishing?
 - [Icebreaker Discussion Questions](#)

Transition Upward

GOAL: Establish/reinforce the structure and goals of the CG, and shift focus from inward to upward.

- If you have guests, briefly go through CG Definition, Goals and Policies: CG is a gospel-centered group that share life and a mission to bless our city; our goal is to grow to live/love like Jesus, while leading others to do the same; everything discussed remains confidential, we always respect one another (even when different viewpoints & opinions), and everyone is welcome (no matter what you believe or how long you have been following Jesus).
- Finalize the details of next week's Out Event (Enjoying Our City).
- Read a Psalm, pray/ask someone to pray, or play a worship song to transition into the Upward Discussions. Break up into smaller groups for discussion (groups of the same gender work great for co-ed groups!)

Upward Discussion

GOAL: Shift our focus onto God, create discussion between all of the members of the group, and to process together not only what the subject Scripture means, but also how it personally applies to each of us!

- What stood out to you most from last week's sermon?
- What are some of the reasons why you have found it difficult to trust the Bible? How do you resolve those doubts?
- What do you think are some of the biggest questions that people have about God?
- If you could ask God 3 questions right now, what would they be?
- Did anyone have questions, or was there something that you wanted to learn more about?
- What stood out to you from our Reading Schedule this past few weeks? What is your favorite Psalm that you read, and why? How does this week's Scripture/teaching relate to your life right now?
- What is one thing you will do differently as a result of what you read/learned this week?
- Who is one person that you can invite to our "Enjoying Our City" event next week?
- What is one thing that you would like the group to pray for (personally) this week?
- Close in prayer.

After The Meeting

- Who in your group could you encourage to sign up for the Equip & Empower Class?
- Message the group this week to remind them of your Out Event details and to invite a friend.