



CG LEADER GUIDE (MAY 9-15)

Focus: UP - God Questions

Before the Meeting

- Consider messaging the group the day of your meeting to remind of meeting times/location, snacks, etc.
- Mix up the seating by sitting somewhere different.
- 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>
- Go around and do introductions if visitors are present.
- Discussion Question Ideas:
 - What was the best/worst thing that happened to you last week?
 - How did last week's "Enjoying Our City" event go? Would you do the same thing next time? Why or why not?
 - 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).
- 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 the past couple week's sermons (God Questions)?
- Why do you think we find it difficult to trust God?
- How have you struggled to trust God? Why do you think that is?
- How do we grow to trust God more?
- How would you answer the question: "Why does God allow bad things to happen?"
- 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?
- What is one thing that you would like the group to pray for (personally) this week?
- Close in prayer.

After The Meeting

- Follow up with visitors or group members that you haven't seen in awhile, and with any questions that weren't answered in the discussion.
- Remind the group to consider inviting someone they know to church this week!
- Pray for every member of your group.