



CG LEADER GUIDE (JAN 17-22)

Focus: UP - Gospel of Mark

Before the Meeting

- Consider messaging the group the day of your meeting to remind of meeting times/location, snacks, etc.
- Meet as a leadership team to pray before the meeting!
- Ask Holy Spirit to lead the meeting.

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:
 - Best/worst thing that happened last week?
 - Icebreaker Discussion Questions
 - Scale from 1-10, how is 2022 so far, and why?
 - How did you see God working in your life last week (answered prayers, praise reports, testimonies)?

Transition Upward

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

- Reminder of CG Definition & Mission: A 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.
- Reminder of Group Policies: Confidentiality, respect (different viewpoints & opinions), 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. Consider breaking up in smaller groups for discussion (same gender works 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 this week's Scripture reading and/or Sunday's teaching? Consider reading some of the passages out loud for the group.
- What person(s) in this week's Scriptures/teaching did you relate to most and why?
- Did anyone have questions or was there something you wanted to learn more about?
- How does this week's Scripture/teaching relate to your life right now?
- What is one thing that you will do differently as a result of what you read/learned this week?
- What do you sense God is saying to you right now, and what are you doing about it?
- How is the daily reading/Bible Study methods going? What's your favorite method and why? Any questions about the Bible Study methods?
- What is one thing that you would like the group to pray for (personally) this week?
- Close in prayer.
- Recommend that members listen to the Intro To Spiritual Practices video this week!
- Remind group next week IN Focus (potluck?, taco night?, make/order pizza?, etc.)

After The Meeting

- Meet with your team to debrief/evaluate how the meeting went and ways to improve.
- Divide names amongst the leaders of members to pray for/meet with individually to get to know better.
- Have one leader message the group this week with an encouraging word.