



GUIDE

I will pray for and encourage my group members towards their best next step.

"Our role to show the way and clear the path to enable others to walk more closely with Jesus."

- 1. Develop a vision for your Group-** use your Group Vision Planner to create a roadmap for your group.
- 2. Pray for your Group members-** set aside time each week to pray for your Group members by name.
 - Call out specific requests they have made in Group.
 - Pray whatever the Spirit brings to mind.
- 3. Know their story-** Spend time getting familiar with Group members and their stories. Below you'll find some topics that will give you a window into their story.
 - **Backgrounds:** What are some key details about their childhood, adolescence, teenage, and early adult years? Where did they grow up? What were their hobbies or interests?
 - **Defining Moments:** What events shaped the person they are today?
 - **Defining Relationships:** Who are the individuals who contributed to their story?
 - **Steps on their faith journey:** How does God seem to be working in their life now or in the past?
- 4. Build relational equity-** invest in the person to earn the right to be heard.
 - Grab coffee after a gathering or hit the local coffee shop and invest in the friendship.
 - Go to their kid's soccer game or chorus concert.
 - Send a text message during the week to keep the connection strong.
- 5. Give practical calls to action-** help direct the next steps of your Group members.
 - Is there any clear next step based on the content you're studying together?
 - What next steps are coming up at your location that you can encourage members to participate?

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20