

SMALL GROUP LEADER FAQs

WHO CAN LEAD A SMALL GROUP?

Almost anyone! God has an incredible way of using a variety of people to accomplish His goals. Our small group leaders are volunteers who want to:

- Use their gifts to serve others,
- Learn more about God's Word,
- Improve their leadership skills,
- Disciple others, and
- Connect a group of people who become friends as they grow closer to God and each other.

We don't expect small group leaders to have all the answers. None of us have ALL the answers! We're just looking for leaders who want to learn and grow, to make disciples, and to serve in love.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A LEADER?

- Maintain a personal, growing relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Regularly attend LifePoint Church services
- Lead the group by facilitating the group meeting, promoting participation and connection among group members and assessing ongoing group health.
- Commit to engage in the leadership development opportunities provided.
- Be responsive and teachable.
- Pray for the members of your group.
- Assist in identifying and encouraging future small group leaders from within your group.

HOW WILL I BE TRAINED AND EQUIPPED AS A GROUP LEADER?

Our small groups ministry will offer leadership development to all small group leaders. Several sessions will be held throughout the ministry year (the same time frame as the school year). Leaders are strongly encouraged to attend all training opportunities provided. A variety of resources will be recommended for small group content. Additionally, the Pastor of Ministries and Small Groups and a volunteer leader will communicate directly with small group leaders to encourage and support them.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL SMALL GROUP MEETING LOOK LIKE?

Small groups are ideally between 6 and 12 people who gather in homes regularly, typically weekly, or bi-weekly. Meeting times vary but commonly last around 2 hours. Most meetings include a time to socialize, a time for study, and a time for prayer. Small groups are also encouraged to participate in service projects and social gatherings together throughout the year.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I ENCOUNTER ISSUES OR SITUATIONS THAT ARE MORE THAN I CAN HANDLE ON MY OWN?

Problems or not, please always feel free to contact the Pastor of Ministries and Small Groups. We want to maintain regular communication with our leaders. We want leaders to feel our prayers, support, and encouragement. And, if any problems arise in your group, we want to help with that, too! You can contact the Pastor of Ministries and Small Groups for feedback and guidance. In addition, the leadership development sessions provide support and resources.