

# GROUPS

## Community Group Leader Role

Community groups are an integral part of what we do. Life change happens best when people are intentionally prioritizing relationships. We believe that life is better connected and growing spiritually involves being connected relationally.

### **The Purpose of Community Groups:**

A small group environment where people pursue...

- Encouragement
- Scripture
- Prayer
- Next Steps

Community happens when people are relationally connected through healthy relationships.

### **The Role of a Community Group Leader:**

Leaders help create environments where group members are encouraged and equipped to pursue:

- Personal relationship with God
- Community with believers
- Influence with others

### **Community Group Leader Qualifications:**

- Have a personal, growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- Recognize Biblical authority
- Have the time, emotional capacity, and moral discernment to lead a group



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## **Community Group Leader Expectations:**

- Create a safe environment where it's OK to not be OK.
- Lead the group through facilitation and promoting participation among group members
- Attend a New Leader Orientation
- 1-on-1 meetings with your Coach or Groups Director
- Attend leader development opportunities as offered
- Identify and develop a potential new community group leader (apprentice)

## **Community Group Leader Essentials:**

There are many things that are important to lead a successful community group, but we've found that these five things are most important.

### **Fill up First.**

Make your own relationship with God a priority before leading others.

### **Prioritize Relationships.**

Be available and interested in group members' lives inside and outside of group. Think relationships first, curriculum second. Promote participation and facilitate conversation during group.

### **Be Predictable.**

Always start and end on time. After the 3-week grace period, our groups are closed. Predictability builds trust.

### **Serve Together.**

Teaches people to love others while strengthening the relationships within the group.

### **Replace Yourself.**

By developing someone else to lead, you sharpen your own skills and create opportunity for new community groups.

