

GUIDELINES FOR MEETING TOGETHER

As we begin to meet, it is good to be reminded about some of the basics of what it means to be a part of a group. Here are five topics you might consider as part of that initial discussion.

CONFIDENTIALITY: What is said in the group stays in the group. Talk about this and make sure everyone is on the same page with this value and what it means.

LISTEN: Value one another during the discussions by really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond or fixing someone's problem.

SHARING: Try and hear somewhat equally from all members of the group. Be sensitive about the amount of time you share.

SENSITIVITY: There is a lot happening in the world. On top of all the stuff that we can see, there are things that people are going through that are unseen. Be sensitive to the fact that there may be people who are really hurting or very anxious, or stressed, or scared, or angry.

FORMATION OVER INFORMATION: My hope is that being a part of a growth group would shape you into a more faithful follower of Jesus – and not just an accumulation of more information about Jesus. What are your thoughts on this? How does this inform how you spend your time together.

POLITICS & THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION SEASON: Not knowing where people stand politically, and understanding that people can hold very strong opinions about politics, I encourage you to avoid political conversations.



"WEEK #1 – Faith-Filled"

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SECTION 1 – CONVERSATION ABOUT GROWTH GROUP GUIDELINES

SECTION 2 – GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What did you do this summer?
2. What are some of the everyday things around you that you rely on or take for granted. In other words, what kinds of things do you have faith in?
3. Who is a hero in your life? An all-star? A hall of famer human? Why?
4. Describe the connection between hope and faith according to the writer of Hebrews.
5. What is feeding your faith right now?

6. How do other people observe or see your faith?

7. When in your life have you had to rely on your faith in a significant way?

SECTION 3 – PRAYER

Pray for each other in the areas where your faith is strong – where your faith is being stretched – and when God’s faithfulness to meet us in the hard times.