

# SPRING SMALL GROUP CONFERENCE

## CURRICULUM / DISCUSSION

- Every leader should facilitate, but, each week, there should be one leader that knows they are responsible for facilitating the conversation. Non-facilitating leaders should assist in answering questions, clarifying questions, and pushing people's answers toward application.
- Most leaders stress out about the curriculum. You're not going to know the answer to every question, and that that is okay. Plan on not knowing the answers to some questions.
- Leaders should understand the big themes behind each week and direct application questions towards the theme.
- Scripture, not GBC, is the ultimate authority with questions and issues. Always ask participants to give answers grounded in Scripture, not opinion. Avoid using the phrase, "This is GBC's position on this issue." Or, "This is what West thinks."
- Leader Resource Page – Everything that we ever send you will be on the website. This includes schedules, leader tips, and resources.
- Any question pertaining to the curriculum – contact Blaine.

## PRAYER

- As a leader, you will have to work very hard to make this time meaningful. You facilitate discussion, but you are a leader when it comes to prayer.
- To that end, always encourage prayer that is spiritually substantive – don't allow people to settle praying for their great aunt's broken toe. Lead by example by being willing to be vulnerable and open yourself. Also, don't be afraid to ask someone for something more personal to pray about or to press when you feel like someone is being guarded.
- Split up to pray as men and women in order to encourage vulnerable and open community. Prayer can take a lot of different shapes – accountability, care, or updates, but it should always be a priority. Don't sacrifice this time – it's easy to feel like the curriculum discussion is more important than prayer time, but that is not true. Be aware that some people in your Small Group may have never done this before.
- Different ways to lead in prayer time are asking an application question from book, bringing notecards and having people follow up, and praying for the person to right.

## MEETING FORMAT

- Format of Meetings Outline
- Life Story Outline
- Sample Schedule (built in fellowships and/or breaks)
- Week 0 Outline: Introduction/Expectations (this is for your first meeting the week of February 10)

## MISCELLANEOUS

- First Year Leader Meeting: February 10 at 3:30
- Service Opportunities: Church wide meals and events this spring
- Childcare Reimbursement for leaders as well as participants (link on Leader Resource Page)