



SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES:

SAFE GROUP: everyone can be real, open, and honest with their struggles and victories.

CONFIDENTIALITY: What is said in the group stays in the group.

LISTEN: really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond, or what you are going to say next.

PAUSE: Give the person sharing the chance to finish and the group the opportunity to consider what was just shared before responding.

NO "CROSS TALK": Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.

NO FIXING: We are not here to fix each other. Jesus does that part. Give encouragement; speak truth, and point to Jesus.

NO RESCUING: When people are sharing something deeply personal resist the temptation to rescue them by giving advice. This will often cause them to stop sharing.

SHARING: Be sensitive about the amount of time you share.

BE SELF-AWARE: Be self-aware of how you are personally effecting the environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication.

USE "I" STATEMENTS: It's easy to talk about the issues of others, but for our purposes, we want you to put yourself on the table. Try to use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "us", "we", etc.

CONFLICT: When conflict or sin issues arise, we want to make sure that we are honoring God and each other in the way we deal with these issues.

Small Group Evening Schedule:

10min - Hangout time

5min - Welcome, Opening Prayer, Group Guidelines, Announcements
(It is good to review the guidelines on the left once a month)

OPENING QUESTIONS:

Was there any specific thing that you connected with from the message this Sunday? What point made the most impact for you?

Is there anything you'd like to go deeper in today that you heard?

40min – Main Scripture: Hebrews 10:19-39

Today we are going to read the passage in sections with discussion time after each part. Go ahead and read out loud together as a group. Perhaps have everyone or a few people read a couple of verses at a time through the passage. Today we'll talk about the importance of having our confidence in the right thing.

READ: Hebrews 10:19-25

According to this passage, why can we have confidence in the hope we profess as Christ followers? What did Jesus do to prove that our hope is secure?

What are we to do to continue growing in our faith? (vs. 24-25)

Why is staying connected to a church family important?

READ: Hebrews 10:26-31

According to this passage, what does a right view of the fear of the Lord look like? Who are those that stay in fear?

READ: Hebrews 10:32-39

What did these believers face as persecution when they put their faith in Jesus Christ? What persecutions have you faced because of your faith?

What does it mean to "*not throw away your confidence*"? (vs. 35)

What does it look like to be richly rewarded for your faith?

10min - Share prayer requests & pray.

(one person write requests and email or text to the rest of the group)
