

Group Guidelines

Here's some suggested guidelines to set out prior to discussion, especially when you start a group or have guests (say the ones that work best for your group). This will foster a healthy group culture.

- We will start and end on time.
- Confidentiality. What's said in the group stays in the group.
- Share your perspective. We won't debate or give advice.
- Give space for others to respond. Silence is OK.
- Stay on topic by focusing on what we are hearing from God through scripture.
- Avoid interrupting or separate conversations.
- Let us know if you can't make it or if you're running late.
- Bring up any concerns you may have with the leader(s).

Group Guide Tips

- It's a guide, not a script.
- You won't have time for everything. Some weeks you will focus more on Up, In, or Out as the Spirit leads you.
- Always end scripture discussion on "I will" statements and action steps.
- Break into smaller groups during scripture discussion so people have space to share. This also helps prepare for multiplication.
- Don't be afraid of silence! It takes 30 seconds for the average person to process a question before being able to share.
- Lead meetings as a team with others in your group finding ways of doing Up, In and Out.