

Learn to Love

Part 6

Small Group Plan

Pre-Meeting Leader Checklist & Preparations

- Read through the entire Small Group Plan a few days prior to your meeting to ensure that you have a good understanding of what you will be doing and feel confident in leading your group.
- A few days before cell, send a message to your group reminding them of your meeting time and how you will be meeting (online or in person).
- Remind your group that the video for this week is on the website. You can decide if people in your group will watch it on their own or if you will watch it together as a group.
- Remind each member to have their Bible, journal, and pen available during your small group time.
- Pray for your small group members.

Homework Review & Accountability (5-15 minutes)

- Review: Last week's homework had three parts:
 - Practice the STAR Exercise 2 times this next week.
 - "If we fail to stay connected to Jesus, we have little to offer those we encounter." What is your plan to connect with Jesus this week? Follow through on that plan.
 - Complete two exercises from the Learn to Love Exercise Book. The exercises are devotional in nature, you can add them to the start of your devotions or do them during a different time. Each exercise should take 5 minutes to complete.
- Sharing: Pick ONE thing to share from the homework. How did it go? How did it make you feel?

Discussion (10-30 minutes)

- Give everyone a minute to think of a time they were able to connect with Jesus and receive comfort and strength. Have a few people share.
- Have everyone split into smaller groups of 2-3 and share a current struggle they are facing. Practice listening, empathizing, sharing the feeling that the person is sharing, then listen to the Holy Spirit and pray for each other.

Prayer Requests (10-20 minutes)

- LOVING LIKE JESUS is impossible without his Holy Spirit. Pray for each other to be filled with the Holy Spirit and that our church body would grow in love towards God, each other and those we meet.
- Share personal prayer requests with each other. What are your biggest personal needs?
- Spend time praying for each other. You may want to break into groups of 2-3 to pray online or ask everyone to turn their speakers down (to avoid feedback) and all pray in unison together. Prayer is VITAL! Let's tap into Jesus through prayer!