

Open Small Group Discussion Guide - C

From time to time there either may not be a discussion outline available or the one available is not fitting to your group this particular week. That is okay! As a leader you are free to lead your group as you sense the Holy Spirit would lead you. But be careful to not get into the habit of “winging it” or becoming lazy in your preparations. Jesus calls you to effectively lead your group under His Lordship and Leadership. You are the shepherd of this group, under the Great Shepherd.

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Conversation Starter and Ice Breaker: pick one, change up each time:

- Pick one or two questions from the “101 Relational Discussion Starters” in Resources
- Go around the group and share some highlights. For extra fun and pressure, set a timer for 1 minute. Pastor Tim does this with his staff; it’s fun!
 - One thing you are thankful for: _____
 - One highlight of the week: _____
 - One prayer request: _____
- List 3 things you are thankful for – set the 1-minute timer.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

Bible Discussion and Reflection: Choose a passage from Scripture or from this past weekend’s message and spend time in personal reflection then group discussion.

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- Scripture: what am I reading now?

- Message: what is one thing I can take from my Scripture reading?

- Obedience: what is God asking to do or to think about, or change in my life?

- Repentance: what is it that I need to confess to God about?

- Prayer: Who do I need to pray for?
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Prayer: choose 2 or 3 items

- Begin by giving thanks to God for many things
- Share personal prayer requests and concerns
- Share “outside of personal” requests and concerns
- Choose one Church staff person and Elder to pray for; pray for our Church
- Pray for one other Church in your city or town
- Pray for one Missionary
- Pray for one Canadian issue in the news
- Pray for one World issue in the news