

SMALL GROUP HOST SUMMARY | FOR GROUP LEADERS

Role of the Host:

- Delegate group responsibilities to group members.
- Keep the group on task while allowing for the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- Make sure group members feel safe and heard.
- Remind people of confidentiality on a regular basis.
- Pray for group members.

Responsibilities You Can Delegate to Group Members:

Remember, we expect each group member to be responsible for their group.

- Securing a set/regular place, time, and day of the week to meet.
 - A great way to share responsibility of the group is by rotating homes. If one or more members of your group have the space to accommodate your group meeting, make a schedule of where you will meet each week.
 - Other group responsibilities don't necessarily need to be taken on by the person who provides the meeting place.
 - The group leader will still delegate each part of the meeting, such as a meeting facilitator, snack provider, prayers, etc.
- Find a topic or study to cover.
 - Group members can research studies that are available and bring several choices to the group to vote on.
 - o Refer to the *Small Group Resources* section of the *Member's Guide* to find approved studies along with videos, study guides and other materials.
- Keep the Small Groups Team informed about your group.
 - Take attendance in Grace Connect or the LEAD App.
 - Add/remove members on your group roster.
 - Let the Small Group Team know if your group is open or closed.
- Coordinate someone to bring snacks to share or have potluck meals.
 - Have group members sign up to provide snacks or various items in a potluck meal.
 - A group member can be a food coordinator to make sure someone is bringing food to the meeting each week.
- Ensure there is NO use of alcohol or drugs during your group meetings.
 - All members should be sensitive to issues which could cause your members to stumble.
- Take prayer requests and distribute them to group members. Remember, these are confidential within your group.

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- Coordinate care for any member that is in need (illness, death in family, job loss, new baby, etc.).
- Communicate with group members about schedule changes or special events (service projects, church events, etc.).
- Keep members' contact information up-to-date in Grace Connect, especially phone and email.
- Encourage your group to volunteer together, serve in the community, and attend church events together.
 - Have one member be the volunteer coordinator. This person can find serving opportunities and bring them to the group.
- Have communion together on a regular basis.
 - Instructions are provided to lead communion and anyone can do this. No special training or skills are required.
- Coordinate and oversee childcare for your group, if needed.

Reach out to the Small Groups Director if you need help, advice, or prayer.

- Email: <u>SmallGroups@GraceChurchCo.com</u>
- Call 720-895-9000, ask for someone on the Small Groups Team

Questions:

Most of your questions are already answered on the Grace Church website. There are also short training videos you can watch to help your group run more smoothly.

Go to GraceChurchCO.com, then select "Get Connected", then "Small Groups"

Cursor down to find the buttons "Small Group Resources".



If you still have questions, contact the Small Groups Team.

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