



# HOMEGROUP GUIDE

For the week of May 8th, 2022



# HOME GROUP GUIDELINES

## FOR US TO HAVE HEALTHY AND SAFE CONVERSATIONS

**Confidentiality & Safety:** What's said in the group stays in the group. This is a safe group.

**Listening:** Let's value one another during the discussions by 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.

**Pausing:** Allow a pause in conversation after someone shares to give the person sharing a chance to finish and give the group an opportunity to consider what was shared before responding.

**Silence:** It is important to allow silence in the group as it provides an opportunity for someone to share and for members in the group to process the topic or question being considered.

**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. Give encouragement, speak truth, and point to Jesus. Don't try to fix each other.

**No Rescuing:** When people are sharing something deeply personal, there can be a tendency to make them feel better about themselves or the situation by providing immediate condolences. This will often cause them to stop sharing. Resist the temptation to rescue people.

**Sharing:** Be sensitive about the amount of time you share.

**"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 "they," "the church," "us," "we," etc.

**Household Rules:** We appreciate those who open their home up to a Home Group and out of respect to them we need to... (e.g., take shoes off, clean up toys afterward, put chairs back, leave by 8 pm, etc.)

**Conflict:** As humans, we will need to extend grace to one another. Conflict is not bad, but an opportunity for growth. We are all being changed to be more like Jesus so conflict and change are part of the journey. Here are some key scriptures to refer to:

- If someone sins against you. (Matthew 18:15-20)
- Restoring someone in sin. (Galatians 6:1-5)
- Forgive a sinner. (Colossians 3:12-13)
- Reconciling differences. (Matthew 5:23-24)

## ***Fruit of the Spirit: Peace***

**Pray:** Ask someone to pray to start the group.

**Vision & Mission:** *Share the vision & mission of RLM with your group.*

**VISION:** *Reaching the world for Jesus, one person at a time.*

**MISSION:** *Creating Biblical disciples in relational environments.*

**Guidelines:** *Read and/or discuss the HG guidelines (see above).*

**Spend time at the beginning of your conversation tonight asking how people are doing with Jesus.** (Before we dive into the conversation about this week's topic, we want to help those in our groups to abide in Jesus. John 15:5)

### **Questions to ask:**

- How are you doing with Jesus this week?
- What has Jesus been saying to you?
- What has your time with Jesus been like lately?

**Head Questions: We will be staying in Galatians for the course of this series. Each week lean into the specific fruit discussed on Sunday.**

Choose people in the group to read the following aloud: **Galatians 5:16-26 and John 14:25-27**

- **Take time to read these verses.** *(It's okay to take time on this. Don't rush it.)*
- **Ask your group, what stands out? What observations do you have? What are you challenged by?**

**Begin to lead the group through PEACE as a fruit of the Spirit.**

### **Heart Questions**

- What is peace? Work together to define the term. Land on Biblical definition. **Peace - shalom/Eirene:** to be complete, to be whole, can refer to the absence of conflict, but not always.
- What things in your life give you peace?

**Trust & obedience is the pathway to experiencing God and experiencing peace.**

- In what ways can trusting Jesus lead to peace? How do we trust?
- What about obedience? How does following Jesus lead to the peace the Bible talks about?

**Consider reading together Philippians 4:8-9**

### **Hands Questions:**

#### **Take-Home:**

1. Are you at peace with God?
2. Are you at peace with people?