

TIPS / TOOLS

- **When is childcare available?**

We have childcare available on campus on Saturday afternoons at 2pm and Sunday mornings during our 11am service.

- **Where can I host my Small Group?**

You can host online, at church, and off site. Some of the most common meeting places are homes, restaurants, parks, coffee shops, and office buildings.

- **What are things we avoid in Small Groups?**

- Self-promotion
- Take offerings
- Unapproved materials or speakers
- Controversial topics and politics

- **How to prepare for your group?**

- Arrive early
- Creating the right environment
- Test and have video ready
- Welcome everyone
- Warm up the group with an ice breaker (Tell me about your week)
- Discuss this week's questions
- Ask for prayer requests
- Pray
- Encourage them to grow (look at ideas to help people grow)

- **What should I do if someone asks a question I can't answer?**

It's okay to not have all the answers. Thankfully, we can find guidance through prayer, God's Word, and the Holy Spirit. Encourage them to spend time reading the Bible and praying. Also, let them know that you will do your best to get some information and get back with them at your next Small Group meeting. Do some personal research and call your Coach to get advice.

- **Questions to ask yourself when your group attendance is inconsistent:**

- Does the meeting day/time work for everybody?
- Are you doing everything you can as a leader to help people engage outside the group?
- Are you texting them?
- Have you connected with them on a personal level? (Anniversary, birthdays, trips)
- Have you asked members for feedback?

- **How do I get my group serving?**

Encourage your group to get plugged into the Dream Team, by leading the way, talking about it, and inviting them to start by attending God is for You Classes.

- **What should I do if someone in my group shares something with me (or the group) that requires attention beyond what I (or we) can provide?**

If you encounter a difficult situation within your Small Group, please know that you are not alone. If a member is going through a crisis, you can rally the group around them to provide prayer and encouragement. Use wisdom and be sensitive to the situation. If you are unsure of what to do, don't hesitate to ask your Coach. Also, you and/or the group member can call the church office to the Small Groups Department at 636-294-7841 if needed.

- **Need a tip we didn't cover?**

Contact your Coach, they are there to serve you.