



Pervasive Hope Starts With Me.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR HOST'S

Remind yourself that it is GOD alone that has gathered your group together and He's given you the opportunity to guide them. So without question it is GOD who will give you the grace and the strength to guide you and your group through this series.

AS YOU HOST YOUR GROUP, REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS TO ASSIST YOU:

1 *Remember God is in charge.* Rely solely on Him and be faithful in prayer for strength and wisdom. You were not selected to do this on your own nor were you selected to serve without being served. Be open and willing for how GOD wants to use you to lead while He alone does His work in you.

2 *Partner Up.* Partner up with a friend, a spouse, or another group member for support and prayer over the next 6 weeks. The teamwork you will create with hospitality, connecting with your group, and following up and reporting will make leading easier.

3 *Be Prepared.* Take some time to prepare in advance. Review the sessions before your group arrives.

4 *Be Open.* GOD wants to use you as you are and where you are in your own journey to connect with those in your group. Most importantly, as a group, honor each other by listening, encouraging, praying and keeping confidentiality as a non-negotiable value.

5 *Encourage Participation.* While each of us is wired differently, it is important to create conversations that encourage each type of personality to feel comfortable during your time together.

6 *Have Fun.* The next 6 weeks are not a task on your to-do list. God will be at work through your willingness to lead. An informal way to "have fun" with your group is to begin the session with snacks. This is where social connections become a key ingredient to trusting each other and growing together. Part of growing together is having fun together

7 *Ask for Input.* Realize there is no perfect way to lead a group. So be flexible on how you lead. Be perceptive to how the group is interacting, be open to the group's wishes, and refine the amount of time spent on a certain topic.

8 *Pray.* Spend some intentional time each day to pray for the group. Pray often and pray consistently for your group. Pray that God gives you strength, wisdom and clarity. Pray that God will help you surrender your own ideas and agendas and replace them with inviting God to lead you and your group.

ALL IN GROUP VALUES

WELCOME EVERYONE
We will keep an open chair and open heart – so that as God might bring someone new to our group they feel included and welcomed.

CONNECT
Be intentional about letting your walls down, letting your preconceived notions go, and engage and connect with those in this group. If you can attend a service together, grab lunch together, hang out together.

CONSISTENCY
You are a key part of this group! We want to ask that over the next 6 weeks you give priority to our weekly time together. So please do whatever you need to do to make our time a priority. And if for some reason you can't make it, please let us know – call/text/email.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT
We want to create a safe place where you are free to share and be yourself. So we don't want to give quick answers, snap judgments or simple fixes.

RESPECT DIFFERENCES
We will be gentle and gracious to each other – realizing we all have personal opinions, different temperaments, imperfections and different levels of spiritual maturity.

CONFIDENTIALITY
For trust to be built we need to value each other – so we will keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and we won't share it outside this group.

ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER
Our words matter – so we will make an intentional effort to encourage each other. We will be positive, we will look for the best, and we will strive to see each other as Jesus does.



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