



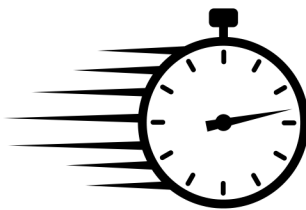
FAITH FOR SUNDAY LEADER GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

THREE ESSENTIAL REMINDERS



Pray and Study

Review the material ahead of time and have handouts as needed



Prompt

Begin and end on time. Assign a time keeper as necessary



Participation

As leader, ensure that people feel welcomed and are aware of group expectations

SHARE GROUP EXPECTATIONS AND ETIQUETTE

1. All members should arrive on time.
2. Come with a humble, prayerful attitude, open to learning from the Holy Spirit and from the group.
3. Pray for one another.
4. Have introductions, especially when a new person attends.
5. Communication should be respectful and non-judgmental, avoid side-bar discussions.
6. Be respectful of all, pay attention and avoid interruptions.
7. Participation is encouraged and should be balanced, without one member dominating.
8. Listen carefully with love, share in friendship and joy.
9. Conversations shared within the group are confidential.

AS A LEADER

If you are hosting the group meeting, make the members feel comfortable. Have trusted resources available to you: The Holy Bible, The Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Encourage members to participate and ask clarifying questions. Facilitate conversations but do not dominate. Redirect the group when discussions go off-topic. Relax and be open to the work of the Holy Spirit!

You do not have to know all the answers! The Holy Spirit can speak through others also! Follow up with the group if you need to research a question or concern further.

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OTHER IDEAS

- *Have 7-11 people in a group; if you have more, split the group. Stay in same group for awhile, at least 6 months, to get to know each other and go deeper.
- *Have a catechism and Bible at every meeting.
- *Assign responsibilities for each small group or table such as set up, clean up, or bringing a snack.
- *If possible, have child care available as this is a huge draw for young moms to come.
- *Have fun! Maybe have a monthly night out for fellowship.
- *Have prayer time at the end.

HAVE A TEAM HELP YOU

Ask if anyone is interested in helping you with this ministry, make it a friendly and inviting environment.

TEAM IDEAS TO GET OTHERS MORE INVOLVED

- MC (usually the leader) - open the group up in prayer, give any updates or news
- Hospitality - Help welcome new members, generally someone who is super friendly
- Secretary - some one who sends weekly updates and news
- Set up and clean up - to help supervise the group

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