



SMALL GROUP LEADERS: - Remember the C's of Small group health:

CONTENT - *biblical, intentional, and conversational*

CONSISTENCY - *regular meetings and interactions with one another*

CARE - *sharing life's ups and downs with grace, love and encouragement*

CELEBRATION - *celebrating God's grace to us and having fun together*

COMMISSION - *participating in what God is doing now during our lifetime on earth*

CHARACTER - *as a leader - growing in my example for my group*

ICE BREAKER:

- What is the worst hotel you have ever spent the night in?
- What is the worst place you've ever visited?

INTO THE WORD:

1) When you think about living as a Christian in an increasingly post-Christian world, what is your first reaction?

Possible answers: A) Isolation B) Fear C) Longing for Jesus to come back
D) Being judgmental or condemning E) Trying to fit in to your surroundings and not stand out F) Other?

2) Re-read I Peter 2:11-25

- a) Based on this passage, what is God's will?
- b) How do you resist His will as revealed in these verses?
- c) How does Peter encourage his readers? What hope or promises does he make?
Leaders: see vv. 12,20b, 25.
- d) Why do you think Peter ends his thought by teaching about Jesus (vv. 21-25)?

Apply the Word:

3) Think about your life ... what opportunities for doing "good works" exist?

Leaders: you could have the group brainstorm and help each other identify practical ways and ideas to do good works.

From the sermon: use these points to spur more discussion or give greater clarity:

**Be a voice or advocate*

**Open up your home/heart (hospitality)*

**Look at the world through the eyes of a good father.*

4) What is the primary barrier or obstacle to be overcome in doing these good works? How can we support and encourage one another?

Leader tip: use this next question as an opportunity to practice group accountability and encouragement and to set-up your prayer time this week.

5) Read Hebrews 10:24-25

How can our group better fulfill this biblical purpose for small groups?

PRAYER TIME

(choose 1 or 2 of these ideas)

- Pray encouragement over your group and the good work ideas discussed.
- Pray for the person on your right, asking God to specifically enable them to practice good works in the specific way(s) mentioned.

Church Prayers:

- Pray for our HOPE initiatives and partners: more volunteers, stronger witness