

# LEADER ORIENTATION

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF JAMES

# EXTRAORDINARY LIVING

Participant Manual

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# WHY SMALL GROUPS?

**Many people will decide to go to a small group before they will go to church. Your life can have a big impact when you invite people into a welcoming atmosphere where the Spirit of God is present.**

**Small Groups are a biblical model and an effective way to fulfill our purpose of Reaching People and Building Lives.**

*Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

**Acts 2:41-43, 47 NIV**

# SMALL GROUP LEADERS HELP PEOPLE...

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

*Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?*

**Luke 15:4 NIV**

*Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.*

**Colossians 1:28 ESV**

## Four Keys to Connecting With God

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Engagement.

*For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

**Hebrews 4:12 NKJV**

### 2. Prayer.

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Relationships.

### 4. Serving.

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ in Community.

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*

**Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT**

### **Four Keys to Growing in Community**

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ in open discussion.

We provide several discussion questions for each week. These questions are designed to help facilitate engaging discussions amongst group members.

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ with and for each other.

The back of each *Extraordinary Living* book has a section to record prayer requests of group members. This will help group members pray for each other throughout the week.

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ together.

Go to **[ChurchoftheKing.com/dreamteam](http://ChurchoftheKing.com/dreamteam)** to discover how to serve together as a small group.

#### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ together.

Host a fun social with your small group before, during, and/or after the series.

### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ their purpose.**

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

**Ephesians 2:10**

*God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.*

**1 Peter 4:10**

**We are each uniquely designed by God to fulfill a purpose and mission here on earth. When you discover your purpose and get involved in practical ways through serving others, your faith comes alive. Understanding your true purpose will change your life!**

# WE REACH PEOPLE & BUILD LIVES

**Our purpose is found within our mission  
of Reaching People and Building Lives.**

*GO into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.*

**Mark 16:15**

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey  
all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this:  
I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*

**Matthew 28:19-20**

# SMALL GROUP LEADERS HELP PEOPLE...

4. \_\_\_\_\_ make a difference.

God can use you to help change the course of people's lives as you share your faith and reach people with the message of the Gospel!

When we embrace our purpose to love God, love people, and make disciples, we will be used by God to make an eternal difference.



## Two keys to go make a difference

### 1. Share your \_\_\_\_\_.

Sharing your story with others can help them start a relationship with Jesus. We don't have to have all of the answers, we simply need to share what God has done in our lives. In Acts 1:8 we are promised we can have boldness to share our story. Jesus said:

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

### 2. Make an \_\_\_\_\_.

God gives us opportunities to make a difference in someone's life by inviting them into a life-changing relationship with Jesus. This starts by simply inviting others to join you at a weekend service, a Next Steps experience, or your small group gathering. Make the invite and watch what God does through your invitation.

# GETTING STARTED

## FOUR COMPONENTS of SMALL GROUP VISION

**1. Choose the \_\_\_\_\_ of group you will lead.**

- Men
- Women
- Couples
- Mixed
- Singles
- The District (20's & Young Adults)
- Youth (junior and senior high school)

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ others to join your group.**

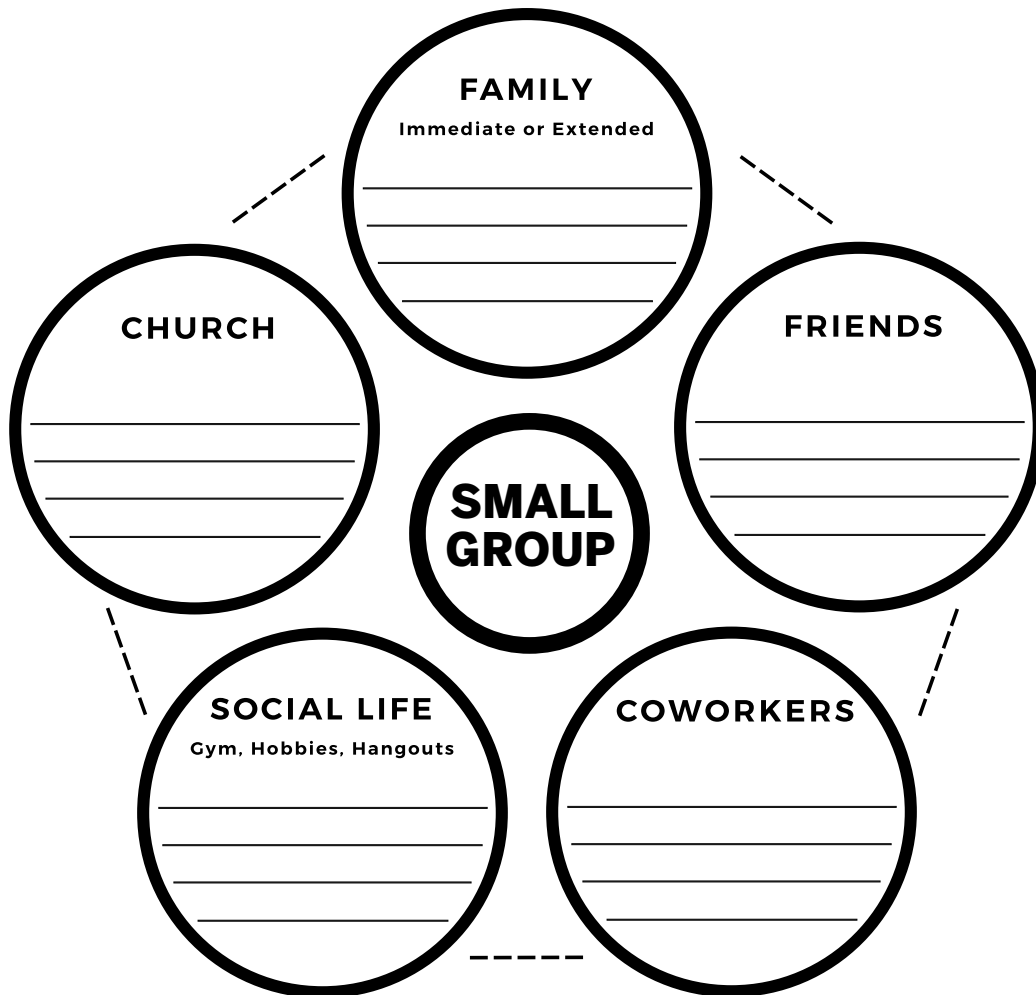
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**3. Identify ways to keep people in your group connected.**

For example: group text, social media, email, calls, etc.

**4. Remember to \_\_\_\_\_ for the people in your group.**

# Who will you invite to your group?



# YOUR SMALL GROUP MEETING

**A Small Group meeting is designed to help people grow closer to God by engaging in life-giving relationships.**

## **Five components of a Small Group Meeting**

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_

This is the time before your small group officially begins. This is when you, as the leader, are helping others connect with each other.

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_

Each small group should begin with group members sharing about what they read during the week in the *Extraordinary Living* book. There will also be a warm-up question provided for each of the six small group sessions.

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_

The Video Sessions taught by Pastor Steve are designed to help each small group participant learn about the weekly topic. Video Sessions will be available on Youtube. You can also stream or download the videos at [Extraordinaryliving.me](http://Extraordinaryliving.me).

**4.** \_\_\_\_\_

These questions are designed to help create engaging discussion, which leads to connection between small group members and growth in their relationship with God.

**5.** \_\_\_\_\_

At the end of each session, you will find suggestions for your group prayer time. Praying as a group is vital to connecting with God and one another.

# OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

## **We will coach you.**

The weekly Coaching Moments videos are available at **Extraordinaryliving.me**.

One of our leaders will contact you to encourage you and answer any questions you have.

## **We will be praying for you.**

Our desire that everyone who commits to leading a group is equipped, encouraged and supported in prayer.

## **We will help develop you.**

Go to the Leader Resources tab at **Extraordinaryliving.me** for helpful Small Group Training videos.

## **We will communicate clearly.**

We will communicate clearly with you through email and text messages. Please read and respond to all emails about the *Extraordinary Living* series.

## **We will help you continue your group.**

We will be ready to help you continue your small group after *Extraordinary Living* is over, if you desire to do so.

# YOUR NEXT STEPS

## 1. Register your group.

This can be done either on paper or online.  
Visit [Extraordinaryliving.me](http://Extraordinaryliving.me) to sign up online  
or sign up in the foyer after service.

## 2. Pick up your Leader Bag.

This includes the necessary tools for you to lead your small group.

## 3. Prepare.

Begin to pray and prepare the details for your group.

## 4. Invite.

Invite people to your group!

# ANSWERS

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|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. <b>Connect</b>  | 11. <b>Story</b>           |
| 2. <b>Bible</b>    | 12. <b>Invite</b>          |
| 3. <b>Godly</b>    | 13. <b>Type</b>            |
| 4. <b>Grow</b>     | 14. <b>Invite</b>          |
| 5. <b>Engage</b>   | 15. <b>Pray</b>            |
| 6. <b>Pray</b>     | 16. <b>Connect</b>         |
| 7. <b>Serve</b>    | 17. <b>Getting Started</b> |
| 8. <b>Have Fun</b> | 18. <b>Video Sessions</b>  |
| 9. <b>Discover</b> | 19. <b>Let's Discuss</b>   |
| 10. <b>Go</b>      | 20. <b>Go to God</b>       |