



## FAQ FOR GROUP LEADERS

### WHERE DO I START?

If you haven't already applied to lead a group go to [CROSSPOINT.TV/GROUPLADER](https://CROSSPOINT.TV/GROUPLADER). Follow the three easy steps and your Campus Group Director will be in touch!

### I'VE SIGNED UP TO LEAD, WHAT'S NEXT?

Congratulations, we're excited to partner with you and your group! Your Campus Groups Director will set a time to talk with you about the role of a Group Leader. They will share Cross Point's vision, as well as train, support, and equip you with great resources.

### WHAT DO WE STUDY?

Whether you've been a Group Leader for two weeks, two months or two years, sometimes you need help choosing which curriculum to use.

We suggest you start with the [5 WEEK COMMUNITY GROUP STARTER CURRICULUM](#). Once you have finished that, jump over to the [GROUP LEADER RESOURCE PAGE](#) where we've collected our favorite media and written resources for you to check out. You will also be able to find message questions here that facilitate digging deeper with each Sunday sermon.

If you need some help narrowing down your curriculum ideas, check out the [HOW TO SELECT CURRICULUM](#) resource to help you figure out the next study for your group.

### I'M NOT SURE I CAN DO IT ALL.... ANY TIPS?

Doing everything for your group can be exhausting. In a Group, we commit to doing life together. Part of doing life together allows us to utilize the gifts and talents God has given everyone. What gifts do your other group members have? An example would be, a member with the gift of administration. That person can be used for initiating text/email prayer requests every week. Notice what motivates your members and invite them to lead through social or serving opportunities. The bottom line is to utilize the gifts, talents and passions so your group members can help carry the load.

### WHAT DOES FOLLOWING JESUS LOOK LIKE FOR MY GROUP?

We believe with Jesus all things are possible and our lives are better when we ask Him to be a part of our daily lives. Don't be afraid to jump in spiritually to deepen your relationship with God. Pray

and ask God, “What do you have for me and our group?” Ask your Coach to pray for you, to pray that God directs you and your group to take that next step in your relationship with Him.

Remember: It’s important to **fill up first**, you can’t help others grow in their relationship with God if you aren’t growing in your own personal relationship with Him. *For some practical steps on how to follow Jesus in your life ask your coach/director about “The Basics” groups curriculum and check out the [MEANINGFUL QUIET TIMES](#) resource.*

## HOW DO WE GROW TOGETHER IN OUR GROUP?

We believe you can’t be the best version of yourself by yourself and that’s where community comes in. Community develops when you show up consistently to a group, participate in conversations and when you are real and respectful. Over time, when you practice these tips, you experience deep-rooted friendships. When you invite God to be the center of that community, your relationships take on new meaning. Supporting one another in your journey is what it looks like to follow Christ.

## HOW DO WE SHARE HOPE WITH OTHERS?

### *INSIDE YOUR GROUP*

Every group is called to share hope. We start by serving one another in our groups. You can serve your fellow group members in multiple ways:

- Take a meal to someone who recently experienced a loss or isn’t feeling well.
- Babysit for a young couple who desperately needs a date night.
- Take a Saturday morning to clean up the yard of the single parent in your group.

### *OUTSIDE YOUR GROUP*

Serving together in your community is a powerful way for your group members to forge relationships while making a positive impact in your neighborhood. Ask your Coach about some opportunities to go and love your neighbors by partnering with one of our Local Good partners. We even recommend you schedule a routine serving opportunity with your group to share the hope and love of Jesus to those who need it. Check out [CROSSPOINT.TV/LOCAL](#) for some ideas to serve your community.

You can even choose to go and love globally. God calls us to show love to our neighbors around the world. Cross Point has partnerships with organizations in other countries that need to find the hope of Jesus. Take a global good trip with your group, or band together and help support one of your Group’s members who want to take a Global Good trip. Go to [CROSSPOINT.TV/GLOBAL](#) for more information.

## THE QUESTION EVERY PARENT HAS... WHAT ABOUT CHILDCARE?

We love our kids but sometimes it can be distracting when they ask, “where’s the potty?” several times during your group discussion. If your group needs ideas on childcare options, check out [WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT CHILDCARE](#).

## WHAT IF OUR DISCUSSION ISN'T GOING WELL?

We’ve provided some great resources to help you lead your group’s discussion well. We like the [“FACILITATING DISCUSSIONS”](#). There are multiple tips in this resource including, “How do I handle a difficult Group.”

## HOW DO I SET GROUND RULES FOR OUR GROUP?

Our [COMMUNITY GROUP AGREEMENT](#) is a great tool to utilize **with your group** to set some expectations for the group. When you allow group members to be a part of the process it allows them to have more ownership of the group while setting realistic expectations.

The [GROUPS GROUND RULES](#) is also a great resource on how to set the tone for respecting each group member’s time, thoughts and communication.

## WHAT IF THINGS ARE GETTING STALE IN MY GROUP?

If things are getting stale in your group it may be time to pivot and try something new. Here are a few ideas:

- Schedule a fun day
- Talk to your Coach/Director about how you can balance inviting new people into the group dynamic and encouraging members in their growth.
- Ask your Coach/Director about the facilitating discussions resource, to help encourage conversation differently.
- Multiply, divide, shift - How’s everyone doing? Is it time to open the group to new members? Have new leaders been encouraged to step up to facilitate discussions? Have you divided the group into smaller groups? All of these are good and healthy options. Ask God for wisdom about your next step and talk to your Coach about what transition could look like. Thank God for everything He has done in your group and celebrate how your group has grown. Encourage one another in whatever He urges your group to do next.

Check out the [TIPS LEADERS SHOULD TRY](#) for some more helpful tips for your group.