

SMALL GROUPS



Small Groups
Nathan Lott
Saturday, November 13, 2021

Case Studies:

Read the following scenarios and draw out the tension and imbalance that exists in each.

1. John was very excited about the new study he had selected for his small group; he had prepared himself by gathering all the materials and ensuring he had what he needed to teach his group. Leading up to the first night of the new study, John had spent about 3 hours preparing the lesson, once the night began John spent 90 minutes teaching his group what session one was intending to communicate. While there was no time for a discussion, his group left that night with all the blanks in the lesson filled in and right answers in place.
2. Chris loved the idea of becoming a small group leader, he loves people, their stories and ensuring people develop deep relationships with each other. Six months into leading his group he has enjoyed the fact that people feel comfortable telling their stories and unloading all that is going on in life each time they meet. While they don't always have time to pray for everything that is brought up, he feels that connection is very important. He plans to ask the group if they would want to do a study, but for now he is prioritizing allowing everyone the freedom and space to love each other.
3. John came from a long line of military men in his family and as a young believer he learned to value the importance of intense discipleship. He knew that as a small group leader, people needed to know how to avoid sin, overcome the world and have a strategic plan to remove sinful distractions in life. After a year of becoming a small group leader, he started to notice people distancing themselves from the group and seeking relationships outside the group looking for care.
4. Tim placed a high value on mercy and seeking to draw out the care needs of his group. So, each night during small group he would spend most of the time going around the circle and ensuring everyone had time to share their most pressing needs, struggles and circumstances. They have struggled to grow in number as a group because as new people visit, they do not stick around. Tim hasn't landed on a curriculum yet but isn't worried because the care needs of the group seem to be mostly taken care of.

x
x x
x x x
x x x x
x x x x x

