**Small Group Leadership Training Notes**

Mission

Small Groups exist to promote **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** that help people take **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of faith.

Why Small Groups?

1. Life change happens in the context of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Our culture devalues personal relationships, but Scripture requires relationships.

2. At Sojourn City Church, we believe our church must grow **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** at the same time.

Free-Market Features

1. Take something you **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and turn it into **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** by adding a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and inviting **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to do it with you! (What’s your favorite 60-90 minutes each week?)

2. Groups meet **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** on a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** calendar.

Weekly Small Group Meetings

Things to Do:

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

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

Things to Avoid:

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

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

Keep discussions **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

Steer the discussion in a direction where **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** can participate.

Your Role

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: We promote groups; only you can fill your group!

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: We’re here for you so you can be there for your group!

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Look for those in your group who could be great Group Leaders!

Assess the spiritual condition of your group members and help them **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** further in their walk with Christ.

Bring group members to a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

Encourage them to be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

Challenge them to complete **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

Connect them to the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

Encourage them in daily **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

Planning Center

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Add new members; we will notify you of group members who sign-up on Sundays/online.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Record for every group meeting

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Keep everyone in your group connected throughout the semester.

Prayer

Prayer is the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

Prayer **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

Prayer is a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for ministry.

Tips for Success

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for group members.

2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** an assistant.

3. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** within the group.

4. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the group when a member is in crisis.

5. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** with fellow group members.

Confidentiality

Discussions should be kept **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. If anyone indicates **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** or **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to harm themselves or someone else, report it immediately.

If you don’t **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, let us **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**!

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** material should **\_\_\_\_\_\_** be posted on social media.

Refrain from creating social media **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** that might **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** you or your group from the Sojourn City Church family.

Our Commitment to You

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: You will get one e-mail each

 week, tailor-made for Group Leaders, full of helpful hints and leadership resources, along

 with a description of how we are praying for you that week!

2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Respond to these 3 questions each week (via e-mail or text message), with a guaranteed response from Pastor Tyler!

 A. What win(s) did you experience at your most recent group meeting?

 B. What struggles are you experiencing—as a Group Leader or personally—that we can help

 you with this week?

 C. What can we do to help you as a leader this week?

3. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: When you feel the need to sit down, face-to-face, and talk about how you and/or your group are doing, let’s set a time to meet!

Semester Specifics

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: **June 7th- July 18th** (6 weeks)

2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_**: Church-wide community outreach!

Next Steps

Decide on a topic/activity, a day, a location, and a time. (Please submit these details for approval on or before **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, **\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.)

Submit your Small Group Leadership Application on or before **\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. (You can e-mail that to me, or you can complete and submit it tonight, before you leave!)

Recruit group members. (Sign-ups open **\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_**!)

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for your group.

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**SOJOURN** CITY **CHURCH**

**SMALL GROUP LEADERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

BELIEFS

Are you a born again Christian?  Yes  No How Long? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please check the statements that apply to you. I believe:

\_\_\_\_ Jesus is God and was born of a virgin.

\_\_\_\_ Jesus is God’s Son and the only sacrifice for sin.

\_\_\_\_ Jesus rose bodily from the dead.

\_\_\_\_ The Holy Bible is accurate and without fault.

\_\_\_\_ The only way to have eternal life is through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

How long have you regularly attended Sojourn City Church? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of Sojourn City Church?  Yes  No

Have you completed Growth Track, Steps 1-4?  Yes  No

Briefly explain why you would like to serve as a Small Group Leader:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. Has anyone ever brought or threatened to bring a civil or criminal claim against you alleging physical or

 sexual abuse or sexual harassment? \_\_Yes \_\_No

B. Have you ever been charged, arrested, or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? \_\_Yes \_\_No

C. Have you ever terminated your employment or had your employment terminated for reasons relating to

 allegations of physical or sexual abuse or sexual harassment? \_\_Yes \_\_No

D. Have you ever been reprimanded as a student or employee for harassment of another individual or

 other inappropriate behavior with another individual? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

E. Is there anything in your past or present that might create confusion in the minds of others regarding

 your involvement in a leadership role at Sojourn City Church? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

F. If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DREAM TEAM QUALIFICATIONS & COMMITMENT

*“The same goes for those who want to be servants in the church: serious, not deceitful, not too free with the bottle, not in it for what they can get out of it. They must be reverent before the mystery of the faith, not using their position to try to run things. Let them prove themselves first. If they show they can do it, take them on. No exceptions are to be made for women—same qualifications: serious, depend able, not sharp-tongued, not overfond of wine. Servants in the church are to be committed to their spouses, attentive to their own children, and diligent in looking after their own affairs. Those who do this servant work will come to be highly respected, a real credit to this Jesus-faith”* (1 Timothy 3:8-13, The Message).

A DREAM TEAM MEMBER:

* Is sincere, worthy of respect, and of a good reputation.
* Tithes regularly to Sojourn City Church.
* Has a genuine desire to serve and minister to other people.
* Leads, motivates, and teaches other people.
* Creates positive group dynamics and resolves conflict within the group.

I believe that I meet the qualifications for serving, and I agree to the following: (Initial each statement.)

\_\_\_\_\_ to become a member of Sojourn City Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill the mission, vision and purpose of Sojourn City Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill the responsibilities outlined in this training.

\_\_\_\_\_ to abide by the Leadership Honor Code as outlined above in 1 Timothy 3.

\_\_\_\_\_ to complete Growth Track, Steps 1-4, before leading a Small Group.

**By signing below, I certify that the information contained in this application is complete, accurate, and not misleading in any way. Should my application be accepted, I agree to submit to the policies and procedures of Sojourn City Church membership, and to refrain from unscriptural conduct in the performance of my services on behalf of Sojourn City Church.**

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**Signature**