

HOME-GROUP LEADER
ORIENTATION



The
REDEMPTION
Church

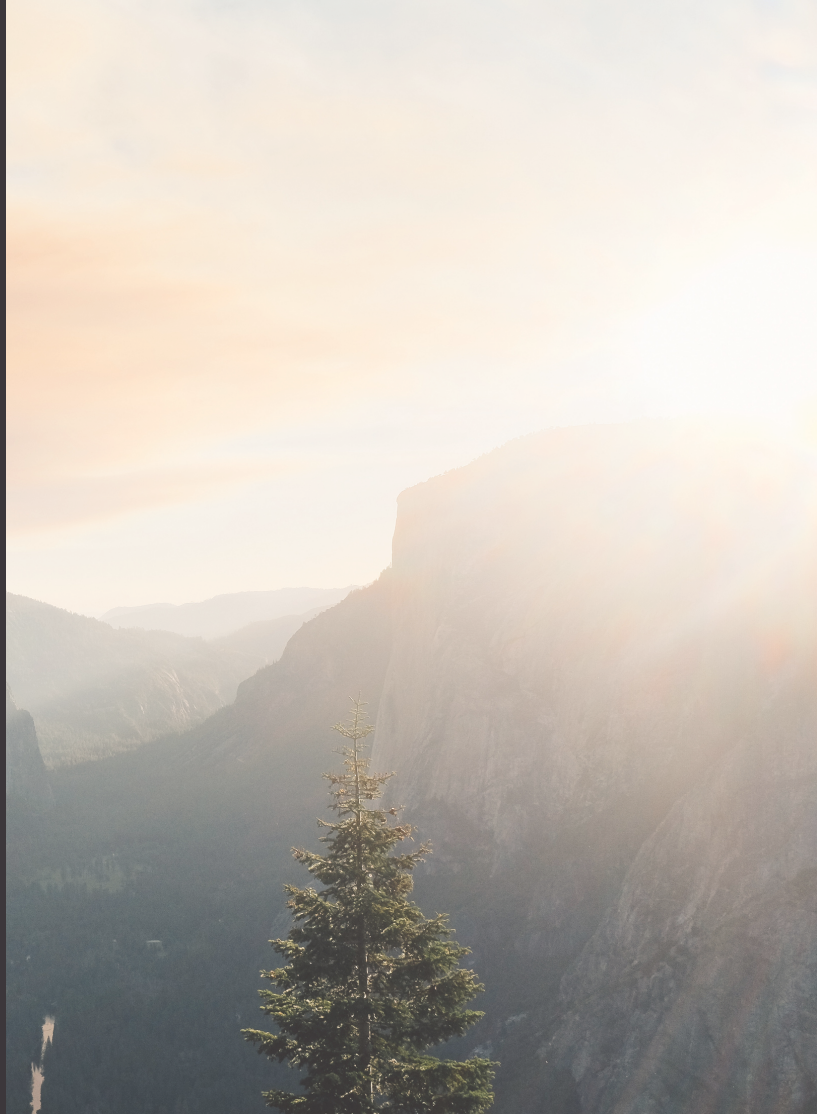
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What Home-Group Leadership Isn't:

PREACHING

You do not need a seminary degree to lead a small group. You just need a heart to grow God's kingdom. The home-group setting is not a second sermon to follow the big corporate worship gathering. It is not a gathering of people to hear you lecture in a house. Rather, they came to talk and share and live life together. While you will read the passage that fits with the sermon plan and will field theological questions from time-to-time, it is not only permissible but strongly encouraged to forward questions you cannot yet answer to pastoral leadership.



What Home-Group Leadership Is:

LIVING LIFE BOOK-BY-BOOK

If we took time for in-depth discipleship, personal sharing, and Q&A after corporate worship each week; we would never beat the other churches to the restaurants in time. Home-Group is the time for people to share how they are applying their lives to the Bible text, ask questions, be invited to take their next steps, and be celebrated when they do. Churches that depend on their pastors to individually disciple every believer inevitably shrink and die. Churches that equip believers to do the work of ministry (Eph. 4:12) have no limit to their growth; reaching the community with the gospel. So, Home-Groups are the first line of defense when a group member needs some help and love while pastors are always on-call when needed across the whole congregation.



The Initial Launch of Home-Groups:

We will work together to form an attendance database for pre-formed groups...starting...now! Add your group numbers to THIS LINK attendance record and bookmark for later. (This link also appears at the end of each leader guide.)

Connecting Future Group Members:

- We will direct people to the website where they will find a "Try a Group" widget listing our groups according to neighborhood, where their kids go to school, or affinity if listed. This will allow them to contact you at the email address you provide.
- The conclusion of "Discover Redemption" meetings will instantly connect newcomers with groups.

Launching New Groups:

"Discover Redemption" meetings will instantly form new groups, connecting guests with newly trained leaders.



Jedi

THE MASTER

Unless your group needs to be closed for a time (i.e. – walking with a couple on the brink of divorce), all Home-Group Leaders should be like Jedi Masters who disciple "Padawans," or future leaders in-training. Every Jedi needs a Padawan. This is how the church grows!

AS WE GROW, WE WILL NEED JEDIS TO BECOME "YODAS" WHO THEN COACH AND OVERSEE MULTIPLE GROUP LEADERS. Yodas and their designated Jedis will be indicated on the online Attendance Sheet.



Padawan

THE APPRENTICE

Prayerfully, actively, and constantly listen for the Holy Spirit's lead as he brings you "padawans." These are Jedis in training. Recruit them, explain to your group that they are getting ready to lead their own group, and even consider giving them a portion of your group if it grows too large. When your padawan becomes a Jedi, give them this presentation and direct them to the online Attendance Sheet to tell us about their group name, email contact, and attendance.

PADAWANS MUST AGREE TO KEEP CONFIDENTIAL WHATEVER THEY HEAR WHEN OBSERVING A CLOSED GROUP

ALL GROUPS WILL USE THE CURRICULUM PROVIDED.

FUTURE TOPICAL GROUPS LIKE DIVORCE CARE AND CELEBRATE RECOVERY WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMING NEW GROUPS BY AFFINITY, BUT ALL STUDENT AND ADULT GROUPS WILL ALIGN WITH OUR CUSTOM-MADE CURRICULUM THAT FITS WITH OUR SERMON PLAN TO GO BOOK-BY-BOOK THROUGH THE BIBLE. AS WE GO THROUGH EVERY BOOK, WE WILL COVER EVERY TOPIC.



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Follow this link to see a sample week's session. The content up top is for group members. The leader content is at the bottom.