**Small Group Leader Formation**

Each is completed in a 30-minute session, 1x a week over the course of a month, with leaders being able to put into practice the information as they learn and grow each week.

Each week includes the following components:

-A scripture verse to meditate on in

Week 1: Connection

Week 2: Witness

Week 3: Planning

Week 4: Communication

Week 5: Communication Continued

At the beginning of every session, focus on God being the center of the ministry and the reason that the ministry exists

Week 1: Connection

**Scripture Connection:** Martha and Mary, Luke 10:38-42

“Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her”

Being both Martha and Mary is not bad. It is good to prepare for guests, be hospitable,

God-centered

Hospitality- warm, welcoming, and goes beyond itself

Community Building

Challenge for the week: Reach out to someone that hasn’t been to the group in a while or make the effort to talk to someone at Mass or in your job that you do not know.

Week 2: Witness

**Scripture Connection:** Life in Christian Community, Acts 4:32-37

“With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded to them all.”

God-centered

Commitment to prayer and the sacraments

Unafraid to share the Gospel

Challenge for the week: Set a time for every single day this week that you will spend in silent prayer. Whether it is 5 minutes, 15 minutes, or an hour, set an alarm and commit to it.

Week 3: Planning

**Scripture Connection:** Maxims for a Happy Life, Proverbs 16: 1-3

“Man may make plans in his heart, but what the tongue utters is from the Lord. All the ways of man may be pure by his own eyes, but it is the Lord who proves the spirit. Entrust your works to the Lord and your plans will succeed.”

God-centered

Organization

Timeliness

Prepared

Assessment

Challenge for the week: As a leadership team, have things planned a week or two in advance, knowing what you will cover ahead of time, and go into small group sessions with questions or material already read.

Week 4: Communication

**Scripture Connection:** The Way of Love, 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

“Love is patient, love is kind…”

God-centered

Disposition Matters- Joyful, Patient, and Kind

Interpersonal Skills: summary, echo, open ended

Challenge for the week: Put it into practice. Make an effort to be joyful, patient, or kind when you do not feel like it. During small group, summarize or echo what someone has said, or ask an open-ended question.

Week 5: Communication

**Scripture Connection:** Life in the Community of Christ, Galatians 6: 1-5

“Brothers, even if a person is caught in some transgression, you who are spiritual should correct that one in a gentle spirit, looking to yourself so that you also may not be tempted”

God-centered

Accountability and Correction if need be

Learn to segue

Cut off dominators/ draw out the quiet ones

Holding people accountable for their actions and words or gently correcting takes confidence and kindness. However, this is an integral part of community life that develops over time as relationships deepen.

Consider instances to practice where things might be a

Challenge for the week: Ask your small groups to set personal goals related to the material covered for the week and set up “partners” to hold each other accountable. The following week come back and share how it went.

Examples:

-Setting a time for daily prayer

-Going to confession

-Take time to look over the readings before Mass

-Meditate on a scripture passage and journal

-Make an effort to be reach out to someone that you see regularly but do not normally talk to

Evangelization at the Parish Level

Why do we evangelize?

How do we evangelize?

1. The Kerygma
   1. What is the Kerygma?
2. Discipleship

Crowd to 3 Model

The Crowd-

The Seventy Two-

The Twelve-

The Three- Disciples called by