

# GROUP FACILITATOR GUIDE

Leading a group does not have to be overwhelming. To ensure a successful group experience and group environment read, prepare and apply the following information.

1. Introduce yourself.
  2. Welcome everyone and any new participants.
  3. Begin the discussion by reciting the Key Verse and Key Idea.
  4. As a group, discuss your thoughts and feelings about the 4 declarations in the Self-Evaluation.
    - a. Which statements were very easy to declare with certainty?
    - b. Which were more challenging to declare and why?
  5. Based on your group's dynamics, choose 2-3 questions from the study that will be most beneficial to the group and lead to the best discussion of the Essential. Try to vary discussion by:
    - a. Choosing questions that dig deep into the theology
    - b. Choosing questions that are more personal reflections
  6. Use the real-life case study as a creative vehicle to discuss the application of the idea, truths and main points of the Essential.
  7. Close your time together with prayer by your or a volunteer. Share prayer requests with one another. Ask God to help everyone put the Essential into practice.
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## Facilitator Tips: 4P's of Success

Prayer – As you prepare for your meeting ask God to give you wisdom and courage in creating the right environment and guiding the discussion.

Participation – Your group will be as open and authentic as you are willing to be. Set the tone and the group will follow your lead.

Punctuality – It's your job to keep things on track. Start and stop on time. As hard and uncomfortable as it may be the group will respect you for doing so.

Perks – Everything a person could need for this study can be found on the church's website. Point people there where they can also find free useful resources.