



## GROUP LEADER EXPECTATIONS

Group Leaders are among the most vital part of the ministry of West Meadows. As you consider engaging the process of becoming a Group Leader at West Meadows, please consider the following questions.

- 1) What type of group would I like to lead? A Connect group, Teaching Group, LifeGroup, or Serve Group?
- 2) If this group recently or currently exists, have I been involved as a participant, an apprentice or a leader before?
- 3) If this is a group that once existed, how was I previously involved?
- 4) If this is a new group idea to West Meadows, what experience & passions do I have that makes me a good candidate to lead this group?

Here are some essential commitments to being a Group Leader:

- Attend mandatory leadership meetings (approx. twice a year)
- Be available for one-on-one meetings with whomever supervises your group (as needed)
- Be committed to consistent and regular group meetings & to lead for at least one year.

If your desire is to lead any group but especially a LifeGroup or a Teaching Group, it's important to prayerfully consider the following:

- *My Calling:* LifeGroup and Teaching Group Leaders, much like pastors, feel God has extended an invitation to engage a group of people to lead into fully devoted followers. (1 Peter 5:2-3) Do I feel called to serve as the leader of a group of disciples at West Meadows?
- *My Growth:* LifeGroup and Teaching Group leaders have made the commitment to follow Christ as Saviour and Lord of their daily lives. A leader is devoted to grow in their relationship to Jesus and to minister out of the abundance of that relationship. Have I made this commitment and believe and agree with the West Meadows Statement of Faith?
- *My Willingness:* As a follower of Jesus, I can share my experience of trusting Christ as my Saviour. I embrace that it is essential to be an authentic example to those I lead by embracing a Christian lifestyle. As I live humbly, as a Christ follower, I am able to demonstrate love in all situations. Am I able to set aside time in my calendar to lead well?
- *My Competency:* I am able to grow in relationship with Christ, to promote participation, and to reproduce myself as a leader. Could I model Christian character while engaging others effectively in a group environment?
- *My Character:* When stepping into a leadership role, I am stepping into a position of authority. My group members will watch me closely and take what I say seriously. I am not perfect, but I should be a respected, role model. Is there an area of compromise that could disqualify me to lead others?

If you have questions about these expectations, please contact the Pastor of Discipleship and Outreach. If your interest in being a Group Leader has been affirmed, your next step is to fill out a Group Leader application. Once submitted, the Pastor of Discipleship and Outreach will be in contact to set up a meeting to go over your application and share some further important information about group leadership at West Meadows.

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