

Small Group Leader Weekly Prep Checklist

Small group leaders, you play such a vital role in helping fulfill the goal of student ministry at our church. Thank you for being an example for our teenagers and for helping them navigate God's Word.

Here are a few things to do as you prepare each week:

- Start by reading the Bible passage a few times** and the surrounding verses for context.
- Choose your Explore Option.** This is the opening activity—choose the one you think will engage your group well and get students talking.
- Read through the questions and highlight the ones you don't want to miss.** You may not have time to hit all the questions, so be sure to focus on the ones that feel most relevant or challenging to your group.
- Take notes in your Leader Guide** about experiences you've had and are willing to share about. Sharing how God is working in your life breaks down barriers for students to be open and honest about their lives, too. This opens the door for spiritual growth.
- Familiarize yourself with the Now What section.** It's important that you leave enough time in your group experience to get to the application portion and help students understand how to apply God's Word in their lives.
- Pray that God would use this week's lesson** to open the hearts of your students and draw them closer to Him.

Note: Please give yourself ample time to prepare. Don't start your prep 30 minutes before you meet with students! Giving yourself plenty of prep time allows you to craft the best experience for your students.

