

Community Group Leaders' Guide – Jan 24/25 2026

GATHER + GROW

Deeply rooted by being formed through the word of God.

This biblically based content overlaps with the current weekend teaching at your Northview campus and positions you, as a group, to be shaped by studying Scripture.

- **Pray.** Acknowledge God's presence + ask for his help to hear what he's saying through the text.
Idea: ask another person to do this. A sample prayer: "Father, thank you for this time we have. We acknowledge that you are here with us and we ask for your help to hear what you're saying through your word by your Spirit. We commit our time to you for your glory and our good. Amen."
- **Share a takeaway from the Jan 24/25 sermon.** "Is there something the Holy Spirit highlighted for you?"
For each person to share an insight they got or an action step they are taking from the sermon could use up your time. This might be a good use of your time, but if you want to go further into the study of the text below, indicate this upfront.

- **Facilitate a brief study of 1 Cor 15:12-34**

Start the conversation with an "Icebreaker."

Which dead Bible Character (other than Jesus) would you look forward to meeting in heaven? Share why!

Study Step 1: Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Familiarize yourself with this section of verses. (Note characters, commands, key/repeated words!)

Study Step 2: Understand Their Story – (With answer key + leaders notes)

Ask *observation questions* to understand what the author is communicating to the original audience.

- **Take a look at 1 Cor 15:12-19.**
 - Continuing his thought on the importance of the historicity of the resurrection, what does Paul note follows from the facts of Jesus' resurrection?
 - **There is a resurrection for all**
- **Take a look at 1 Corinthians 15:20-28**
 - Paul notes the cosmic implications of Jesus' resurrection. Though all were dead in Adam, what does Jesus' resurrection bring to those who believe?
 - **'The resurrection of the dead' (21)**
 - **All 'in Christ shall be made alive' (22)**

- New life in Christ changes the eschaton—the ending days. Note the order. Christ first, those who are in Him, second, etc. What is the last enemy to be subjected to Christ’s new order of reality?
 - **After his enemies, ‘the last enemy to be destroyed is death’ (26)**
- **Take a look at 1 Cor 15:29-34.**
 - In v29-30 what lived experiences prove the cosmic importance of Jesus’ Resurrection?
 - **People being baptized on behalf of the dead - proves there is life after death, and people want their loved ones to life and not death after death**
 - **Christians being in danger of losing their lives for this truth claim - if Christ is not resurrected, He is not reigning, and they would have no reason to counter His rule and His subjects**
 - What is left of life before death if Christ has not changed everything through the resurrection?
 - **To eat and drink, for tomorrow we die (v32)**
 - If Christ changes everything, living like Christ (instead of like Adam) matters. List the implications Paul gives for Christ’s resurrection on their lives.
 - **Be careful of the company you keep/influences you allow in your life (33)**
 - **Don’t sin (34a)**
 - **Take sin seriously –‘to your shame’ – sin is shameful. It is living under death (34b)**
- *Reflection question: If Christ changes everything, how we live now matters. Spend time confessing where you ought to live for Christ differently, but seldom do. Where might Christ be commanding you to live this month?*
- Take these observations into the next step below.

Study Step 3: Connect To God’s Story – (With answer key + leaders notes)

Ask questions to understand how this text fits in the larger gospel story.

We’ve selected a few connections that are here to a) expand on the content of the passage and/or b) clarify the content of the passage.

- 1 Cor 15:12- implies all are resurrected (22), even those who have already died (20), as well as implications for Jesus’ resurrection on how we can live differently in our resurrection in Christ now.
 - **Read Daniel 12:1-3 and John 5:24-29.** Though all are resurrected, what are the two outcomes for the wicked and faithful described here?
 - **Everlasting death (Dan 12:2), resurrection of judgement (John 5:29)**
 - **Everlasting life (Dan 12:2), resurrection of life (John 5:29)**
 - **Read Col 3:1-5.** If Christ has been raised, what mindset shift should take place? What should we put off?
 - **Set your mind on the things above, where Christ is seated (v2)**
 - **For, He is your very life (v4)**
 - **Put to death the earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desires, and covetousness, which is idolatry. (v5)**
- **Further texts you could look up on your own and study: 2 Corinthians 4:13–18, Romans 6:3–9, Acts 2:22–28.**
- *Reflection: If Jesus died and rose for you to have life in Him, He is indeed our life. How might living in accordance with this true reality change the way you live?*

Step 4: Apply To Our Story

Ask questions to discern what God is telling us to do with the help of the Holy Spirit.

- Paul states that he dies every day for Christ through how he lives. Where are you living for Christ unto death in your daily walk of discipleship? If the hope of the resurrection is true, where should you be dying to self and the world daily? Pray for boldness, and make practical steps to keep you accountable.
- Living virtuously for Christ is of utmost importance if we are new humans in Him. Where can you build a more Christ like core of friends/influences in your life? What practices could you implement to keep you Christ-focused?
- Spend some time talking about heaven and the future reality to share in the glorious presence of God with resurrected bodies. What excites you the most?
- If bad company ruins these good morals/virtuous living, we need to have spiritual conversations often. Perhaps make a calendar schedule to ask your close friends and family (spouse, children, parents) about their walk with Christ. Make a list of helpful questions you do, or could, ask one another.

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Deeply rooted by participating in the mission of God.

These culturally relevant applications are meant, with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, to prompt actions that bring the life of God's kingdom into us and out to others.

- Pray for those far from God that you personally know, by name.
Leaders note: This is something that we're putting deliberately at the top here. Every time. ("5x5x5 cards" are available at each campus on the weekend, and our "Loving The Lost" group prayer guide is attached to our weekly group leader email.)
- Is there something that seems especially relevant for us to do personally based on our discussion?
Leaders note: This is something that may overlap with the "Apply To Our Story" step in the "GROW" section above, but here it is meant to help narrow down a specific thing that people actually plan to commit to doing.
- Is there something we as a group should plan to do together based on our discussion?
Leaders note: Depending on the applications you've discussed in the "GROW" section, there could be opportunities to serve others as a group. Or, perhaps to gather for worship, prayer, and/or equipping together.
- Is there something we as a group should plan to do to spend time with someone who doesn't yet follow Jesus? Or to make/strengthen connections with our neighbours?