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COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Leaders' Guide – Feb 14/15 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 Feb 14/15 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 16:1-4**

Start the conversation with an 'Icebreaker.'

What is the most memorable sales pitch you ever received? Was it convincing? Why or why not?

Study Step 1: Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

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 16:1-4**
 - Concerning the collection, what does Paul call them to do like the churches of Galatia?
 - **Set aside money on the first day of the week (16:1)**

- Though giving is expected, what principle does Paul include to emphasize the heart behind it?
 - **According to their means—as God has given them (16:2)**
- Why does Paul give this warning about the collection?
 - **So that it is prepared so that ‘there will be no collecting when I come’ (2)**
- Surrounding the collection, what agency does Paul give to the Corinthians in verse 3-4?
 - **They pick someone accredited by them (3) - They are included in ministry.**
 - **Not just Jerusalem (mother church) or an Apostle that tells them what to do.**
- *Reflection question: Where is God calling you to give? Where have you seen sanctification fruit through faithfully giving in the past or through another’s story?*
- 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.

- **Read 2 Cor 8:7-15.** Here we see that Christian ethics are unique.
 - Instead of rigid behaviorism, what motivation does Paul give surrounding the topic of giving?
 - **Excelling in all things (7)**
 - **‘The grace of the Lord Jesus’ (9)**
 - In 2 Cor 8:10 Paul states that giving will benefit them. Why? What reasons for this does Paul give?
 - **You already desire to do it (10)—motivation of the heart is emphasized over action**
 - **It would complete their desire (11)—desires lived out complete/accomplish something**
 - If it isn’t already clear, Paul states plainly that asking Christians to participate in giving is not to burden them, but for the good of others, and therefore all of the Body of Christ. What does Paul’s quotation in 2 Cor 8:15 imply about God and His provision?
 - **God is generous. He has all the resources.**
 - **There is always enough. God provides as needed. What else?**
- Paul leads like Jesus.
 - **Read Matthew 14:15-16.** Upon hearing about the problem, what does Jesus do?
 - **He includes his disciples in the solution.**
 - **He calls them to action**
 - **Compare Matt 15:32-39. Do the disciples act differently here? Later in ministry are they more willing?**
 - **Read Matthew 17:14-20.** Instead of dismissal, how does Jesus see their failure?
 - **As an opportunity to teach and form them. He doesn’t reprimand them for trying.**
- **For further study on your own:**
 - **Read Ex 18:14-27.** How does Jethro train Moses in leading well? What principles did we see in Jesus’ example that carry over to Moses leading the Israelites? What differences are there?
 - **Read Lev 27:30-34 and 2 Cor 9:7-11.** Compare the covenant obedience when it comes to giving. What stands out to you? How does the Gospel heart Christ gives change giving?
- *Reflection: Where is Jesus calling you to obey partnering with Him in His work?*

Step 4: Apply To Our Story

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

- In comparison to the topic of the resurrected state, Paul addresses their immediate state: the financial need in Jerusalem. How does the adoption of us into God's family change how we live pre-resurrection instead of merely in the post-resurrection state?
- We all give of our money and resources to what we enjoy. Where could you give less to your pleasures and more to God this month and year?
A good step would be to make a financial plan to give more to God, rather than merely giving Him the leftovers. Look on the website for a class on budgeting into generosity for help on this topic.
OR, make a collection of your own as a community group to a godly cause you care about.
- Like Paul, where could you/your group empower others to join in to what God is doing? Where might you help Northview attempt to empower Christians in a category you find us lacking (i.e. is there an area where you see a need, and how could you fill that need)?
- As Jesus encouraged trying, graciously teaching his disciples when they 'failed,' how might this encourage how you see Jesus working in your life? Where should you be attempting more for His Kingdom? Remember, in Christ we cannot fail (Rom 8:28)!

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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.

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- 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?