

## How to lead a Small Group

You don't have to lead the perfect discussion every time

You don't have to get through ALL the material

### GOALS

Challenge people to think about the topic, engage with it

Create a safe environment

Create a space where people can ask questions

Help everyone feel their input is valued

### KEYS

1. Ask Great Questions
  - a. You don't have to have all the right answers
    - i. Ask OPEN ENDED questions
    - ii. Not true/false, multiple choice
    - iii. Avoid Sunday School answers/obvious
  - b. Ask:
    - i. What do YOU think about that?
    - ii. How does that make you feel?
    - iii. How does that make you want to respond?
    - iv. What stuck out to you?
    - v. Which of these is the hardest thing for you?
2. Ask Good Follow Up Questions
  - a. What makes you say that?
  - b. How do you feel about that
  - c. How would you explain that answer to x?
3. Start an Argument
  - a. Play Devil's Advocate
  - b. Do you really agree with what the author is saying
  - c. Why did God design it/do it this way?
  - d. What would you say to someone who disagreed with you?
  - e. Why do we have to do it that way?
4. Ask Application Questions
  - a. What does this have to do with us?
  - b. How does this change your perspective on this topic?
  - c. What are you going to do differently?
5. Create a SAFE Place
  - a. Remind of ground rules
  - b. Stick to guidelines yourself
  - c. Ensure people feel affirmed
  - d. Avoid advice giving
6. Handle Challenging People
  - a. Overtalker/Dominator

- i. Remind everyone- contribute equally
  - ii. Pull person aside
- b. Non-talker
  - i. Call on them specifically
  - ii. Affirm them when the DO share
- c. Tangent Starter
  - i. Make them your helper
- d. Insensitive
  - i. Remind group of values
  - ii. Pull them aside