



A
Passionate
LIFE

GROUP FACILITATOR'S
INSTRUCTIONS

What's in this guide

Welcome, and thank you for choosing to be a group facilitator. You will be doubly blessed by this. Not only will you have the blessing of going through this material with others who are seeking to follow Jesus with their lives, but you'll also experience the joy of seeing the Holy Spirit transform lives with your help.

In this guide you'll find several helpful items

- Meeting Schedule
- Where to Find Resources
- Weekly Meeting Outline & Small Group Discussion Questions
- The Fill ins for the DVD Lesson section

I've tried to give you all the basic tools you will need to lead a successful group right here in one spot. Keep this close by and use it as you move through each week. And if you are needing more help, I'm just a phone call away.

Eric Brown

Schedule

Launch

Friday, Sept. 29 @6:30 pm – Small Group leader’s orientation meeting at the church

Sabbath, Sept. 30 @10:45 – Introductory Sermon

Week 1 – October 1-7

Small Group Session (Midweek)

- Get to know each other better
- Hand Out Daily Devotional Guides
- Explain how the study will work
- Watch Video for week 1 “Stepping into the Learning Circle”

Individually (Midweek)

- Begin studying week 1 in the Daily Devotional Guide

Sabbath Message

- “Stepping into the Learning Circle” (October 7)

Week 2 – October 8-14

Small Group Session (midweek)

- Discuss Week 1 – “Stepping Into the Learning Circle”
- Watch Video for week 2 – “Dancing to the Rhythm of Life”

Individually

- Begin studying week 2 in the Daily Devotional Guide

Sabbath Message

- “Dancing to the Rhythm of Life” (October 14)

Week 3 – October 15-21

Small Group Session (Midweek)

- Discuss week 2 – “Dancing to the Rhythm of Life.”
- Watch Video for week 3 – “What Does God Want from Me Anyway?”

Individually

- Begin studying week 3 of the Daily Devotional Guide

Sabbath Message

- “What Does God Want from Me Anyway?” (October 21)

Week 4 – October 22-28

Small Group Session (Midweek)

- Discuss week 3 – “What Does God Want from Me Anyway?”
- Watch Video for week 4 – “infectious Passion”

Individually

- Begin studying week 4 of the Daily Devotional Guide

Sabbath Message

- “infectious Passion” (October 28)

Week 5 – October 29 – November 4

Small Group Session (Midweek)

- Discuss week 4 – “Infectious Passion”
- Watch Video for week 5 – “Improving Your Serve”

Individually

- Begin studying week 5 of the Daily Devotional Guide

Sabbath Message

- “Improving Your Serve” (November 4)

Week 6 – November 5 – 11

Small Group Session (Midweek)

- Discuss week 5 – “Improving Your Serve”
- Discuss the idea of staying together as a group
 - Identify topic for study
- Sabbath Message
- Celebrating our Stories (November 11)

Where to find resources

You'll find all our resources on the church website at www.cdaadventist.org/a-passionate-life-message-series/

All the guides can be printed off and there will be links to each week's videos

Print copies of the materials will be available at the church office.

DVD copies of the videos will also be available for pick up at the church office

Outline of a typical meeting

Welcome everybody (10-15 minutes before scheduled time)

Time for refreshments

Relate (10 Minutes)

Prayer (Prayer requests)

Opening Question

Remember (5-10 Minutes)

Questions that help assess peoples' experience with the daily devotional materials

Refresh the basic concepts of the shape

Reflect (30-45 minutes)

Probe deeper into how this shape impacts life

Extend learning and application

Wrestle with the concepts

Review (10-15 Minutes)

Summarize what has been discussed

Look to what we will do about it going forward

Reconnoiter (10-15 Minutes)

Have participants turn to the DVD Notes Section

Show 10-minute DVD on the next topic

Daily Devotional Guide Instructions

The Daily Devotional Guide is the participant's small group booklet. It is divided up into 5 daily studies, which allows for two days of flex time in the weekly schedule.

Each chapter has a page where participants can take notes on the Video segment introducing that topic. The material covered on the DVD will be covered in more depth during the Sabbath message and will be referred to repeatedly during the daily studies.

A typical day should take about 15-20 minutes to complete depending on how deep a participant is willing to engage. There are stories, illustrations and teaching segments. As the participant reads through the day's thoughts, there will be interaction questions with space to write.

Occasionally a day will include a Digging Deeper section. This section is an optional path of study for those who are interested and have the time. As you facilitate the discussion feel free to refer to it if you like, but don't assume that everyone has done that part.

Experience Flow

This small group experience is set up so that the participant will repeatedly encounter these concepts in different ways so that learning can be reinforced. The typical pattern is as follows:

1. Topic is introduced by a 10 minute video at the end of a small group session
2. Participants begin studying the daily devotional guide.
3. They come to church and hear a message on the topic
4. Participants continue to study the daily devotional guide.
5. Everyone meets to discuss what they've been learning

And the process repeats. That means that the small group time is the point at which all the different pieces people have been picking up about this material will be drawn together.