

5 Tips for Leading a Small Group

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- 1.) *Run through the lesson in full, beforehand.*
 - Work out any glitches that come up.
 - Get a sense of the questions & possible responses.
- 2.) *Before you begin, take a little time for the group to chat and enjoy fellowship.*
 - One of the benefits of a small group is to build community!
 - Starting out with casual conversation helps people get comfortable.
- 3.) *Start and end your time with the group in prayer.*
 - Center the group's focus on why you're there & to receive the message.
 - Ask for guidance as you take what you learn into your day-to-day life.
- 4.) *Gently guide the lesson and conversation.*
 - Sometimes no one wants to talk first - be the one to get the ball rolling.
 - Affirm and encourage when people do offer thoughts and opinions.
 - Include people in the conversation without putting them on the spot.
- 5.) *Don't worry about having all the answers.*
 - While you might be the one to start a conversation, these discussions are a group effort!
 - Look first and foremost to the Bible; research anything you're not sure about and bring it back to the group the next week.