

The 7 Ministry Essentials For Grow Group Leaders

1. Abide In Christ (ABIDE)

Every step toward making true disciples must be rooted in our personal walk with the Lord. Before we can effectively minister to anyone around us, we must be in close relationship with Jesus who will fill us with His grace and mercy as we extend grace and mercy to others. (John 15:1-17)

MECHANISM

I will have personal devotions, prayer time, spiritual accountable relationships, etc.

REFLECT

1. Am I too busy *doing* for Christ rather than *abiding* in Him?
2. What does it look like for me as a leader to abide in Christ?
3. How can I encourage those in my Grow Group to abide in Christ?

2. Engage Lostness (SHARE)

We have to reach out, go after, and pursue the lost by sharing the gospel and our lives with them. We must intentionally engage others in gospel-centered conversations.

MECHANISM

We will encourage our Grow Group members to be trained at the "Share Your Faith" Workshop and in Evangelism Explosion.

REFLECT

1. When was the last time I had a gospel-centered conversation with a lost person?
2. How do I encourage those in my Grow Group to reach the lost?
3. What is a strategic partnership my Grow Group could pursue in our community to meet the needs of the lost world?

3. Connect The Unconnected (CONNECT)

Our goal is that every person is connected to Jesus and in an intentional relational environment (Grow Group) for the purpose of becoming a disciple of Jesus.

MECHANISM

We will invite non-members to partner with our church family by participating in StartingPoint. We will consistently invite others to our Grow Group.

REFLECT

1. How often do I encourage non-church members to attend StartingPoint?
2. How do I encourage those in my Grow Group to invite others to our group?
3. Am I diligent to follow-up with guests who visit my Grow Group?

4. Chase The Strays (CHASE)

Our goal is that every person who has strayed from Christ will be valued, noticed, and pursued. We will notice... Who is missing? Who is disconnecting? Where they are and why? We will pursue them through phone calls, meetings, home visits, etc. We will seek to do "Our Part" with excellence.

REFLECT

1. What could I do to value, notice, and pursue those who are missing from group?
2. Do you follow-up each week with those who missed Grow Group?
3. How can you encourage your members to chase those who have missed group?

5. Disciple Toward Spiritual Maturity (DISCIPLE)

We must guide believers into a place of maturity in Christ, not leaving them to remain stagnant or struggling.

MECHANISM

We will encourage members not serving to take the [PLACE Assessment](#) to help them discern their giftedness. We will release them to do ministry.

REFLECT

1. Who am I personally discipling toward spiritual maturity?
2. How am I leading that person to spiritual maturity?
3. How do I celebrate when members of my Grow Group take steps of spiritual maturity?

6. Deploy Leaders (LEADERSHIP)

As Grow Group Leaders, we want to identify the key leaders that the Lord raises up and help them flourish in their leadership positions.

MECHANISM

Everyone is called to be a disciple-maker, but not everyone has the gift of leadership. As we disciple individuals, leaders will emerge. We will encourage these leaders to attend [Boot Camp](#) and [Boot Camp 2.0](#) and prayerfully consider starting their own Grow Group.

REFLECT

1. How can I release more responsibility to others on my team?
2. Who is my apprentice that will one day take my position of leadership?
3. How do I celebrate when those in my Grow Group step up to lead?

7. Pull Together (UNITY)

The greatest resource we have as a church is unity. We must fight for and be in relationship with each other if we are to accomplish anything significant for the Kingdom.

REFLECT

1. What relational rifts with someone else do I need to reconcile?
2. How can I encourage someone in another ministry area in my church this week?