

Small Group Discussion Guidelines

These are some basic expectations and values to help clarify what our small group community will be about and to help make our group as fruitful as possible.

Purpose

Our small group exists to encourage one another in our mutual commitment to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

Priority

This group is not the same when you're not here. In order for everyone to have the best experience possible, we make participating every week a priority.

Participation

Every person in our group brings unique gifts and experience to our group. Everyone is encouraged to share at their comfort level.

Respect

Group members honor each other by listening attentively and sharing honestly.

Silence

We allow silence to reflect before sharing and between individual sharing. Recognize that some members may need more silence than others, and try to balance your own participation and attentiveness to the participation of others.

Confidentiality

Anything of a personal nature that is shared in small group, stays in the group. Breaking this trust seriously damages the experience not only of our own group but future groups as well.

Timeliness

In order to respect the time of all present, we begin and end on time. Some group members may choose to continue the discussion after the scheduled end time, but only after giving permission for those who need to end on time to leave.

Tangents

Good discussion can easily slide in directions which are not in line with the purpose of our discussion. All group members are empowered to ask if we have gotten off track.

Holy Spirit

We recognize that the Holy Spirit is present, desiring to direct and speak through our discussion. We strive to be attentive to where the Spirit may be moving our discussion.