



Tips to Co-Lead Successfully

There are many benefits of having a co-leader for your small group. The greatest benefit being you have someone to help you carry the group load. While most leader to co-leader matches occur organically, there are occasions when you may be paired with someone you aren't familiar with. But whether you are leading with a close friend, acquaintance, or someone new, it is imperative both leaders work together. Below are a few tips to help you and your co-leader ensure a successful experience for all.

Prayer Changes Things

Prayer should be central to everything you do. Before your group begins meeting begin praying for each other as leaders, your participants, and the success of your group.

Communication is Key

You and your co-lead should meet as soon as possible to set a schedule of how you will communicate and the frequency. Set a date for planning group sessions together as well as debriefing after. Prayer is central to your time together.

Share Responsibilities

Discuss early how you will divide the responsibilities of the group. This can be determined by who is stronger in certain areas. Maybe one is more gifted in and enjoys the administrative aspect and can handle the correspondence or reporting. If your group is virtual, determine who is more tech savvy and allow that person

to set up and host each week. Having a clear understanding of individual responsibilities will make sure you aren't stepping on one another's toes.

Give Each Other Room

Once you have determined your communication preferences, and settled on duties, trust one another to handle your respective responsibilities. Realize that everyone has their own way of handling things, and our styles don't have to be the same. The group can benefit from your different personalities and you may even learn something new about your own leadership style!