



TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEMESTER

Small Groups are the pulse of TWC as they are how we make our church feel small as we grow larger. Our groups provide connection, protection and growth. But we recognize none of this is possible without amazing small group leaders. Whether you are leading **BE FREE, TRANSFORMher, Staying Alive**, exercising, cooking, or doing a Bible study curriculum, you are helping others grow in Christ. I know this can be intimidating, but please know that your Small Group Team is covering you in prayer and here to help you with any issues or concerns you may have.

If you are new to leading or are a veteran leader, I pray the following tips help you have a successful semester:

Know Your Role – As a small group leader you are there to guide and facilitate a conversation as well as build relationships. It is critical that you prepare by studying the Word and knowing your material, but you are not meant to have all of the answers. Remember, the groups are about building community which means conversations are key. Be mindful of the fact that our groups are not a class, and we are not lecturing. We should all adhere to the 70/30 rule, allowing conversations to happen and people to build bonds.

Know Your Goal – The ultimate goal is for participants to grow spiritually and take the next step in their faith journey. Outside of this, identify what your group goals are. Is it to have people develop healthier eating or exercise habits? Is it to grow in their prayer life? Is it discipleship, identifying future leaders? Being clear of your group goals, will help you throughout this semester.

Continue Growing – A true mark of a leader is that they continue to study, learn, and grow. No matter how many times you lead a particular group, continue to study the material and God's Word.

Spend Time With God – This is the most important tip! Continue to open your Bible and spend consistent time in prayer with God. Time with our Father provides the encouragement and endurance needed to continue leading.

Leaders, what you do is important to TWC and God's Kingdom! Thank you for your leadership, and don't hesitate to reach out should you need anything. Remember....We Are Better Together!!!