



SMALL GROUP ROLES

TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

We're called to dwell *together in community* – to share life and discover hope as the Body of Christ on earth, growing deeper in relationship with God and one another.

Clear group roles provide a framework for healthy small group dynamics. This is especially important as each participant comes to the group with varying levels of illness and pain. Sharing the responsibilities is a model that offers both flexibility and structure.

Each group is encouraged to move at the *pace of grace*.

Decide what works best for your group. The roles are guides to get you started toward building a group that thrives.

IN GOD'S ECONOMY WE ARE ALL LEADERS

Some of us are dynamic leaders like King David, some are reluctant like Moses, and most of us fall somewhere in between.

As you read through the group roles, prayerfully consider how God is calling you to serve. Sometimes God calls us to serve in uncomfortable or challenging ways, pulling us out of our comfort zones because that is where we learn to trust Him more. As we listen to and lean into Him, our groups will engage and grow as they are built on the unshakable foundation of faith.

Depending on the size of your small group, participants might need to assume multiple roles.

*And let us not grow weary in well-doing,
for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart.*
(Galatians 6:9)

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A FEW BASICS

It's important to determine the details that work best for your small group. Some things to consider are:

- **group size** - (A maximum of six participants will ensure that each voice is heard.).
- **in-person or virtual meetings**
- **day, time, and frequency** of meetings. (Consider meeting every other week for up to 90 minutes.).

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GROUP FACILITATOR – Responsible for facilitating chapters 1 and 2 of the study. This will give everyone the opportunity to become familiar with the study and group dynamics. The Facilitator is responsible for general group rules and for helping to keep the group on track.

CHAPTER FACILITATOR – Each participant facilitates one or more chapters (the number of chapters based on group size).

ORGANIZER – Gathers participants' contact information (phone number, email, mailing address, birthday, social media contact information, etc.) and provides it to each group member. The Organizer also notes which chapter(s) each participant will facilitate and when each group member will share their story (usually one per week).

PRAYER COORDINATOR – Prayer is essential to healthy groups. Prayer requests can be emailed to the Prayer Coordinator who will forward them to each member. The Prayer Coordinator should reach out to group members periodically throughout the study.

ENCOURAGER – Consistently messages the group with things like:

- a quote from an upcoming chapter
- a prompt or question from the study
- an encouraging Scripture passage

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR - Sends cards, texts, or emails to each participant to:

- celebrate birthdays or accomplishments
- compassionately respond to a health crisis or loss
- recognize a brave moment or courageous decision

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