

LEADING GREAT CONVERSATIONS

ASK. LISTEN. GUIDE.

A good Small Group leader does not need to talk the most. Your job is to help people engage God's Word, listen to one another, think honestly, and apply biblical truth to their lives.

ASK BETTER QUESTIONS

- Ask questions that require more than a yes or no answer.
- Ask one question at a time. Do not answer your own question too quickly.
- Use the curriculum as your guide, then ask a follow-up when it helps your group engage the point more deeply.

LET SILENCE HAPPEN

- Silence does not mean you are failing. People often need a few seconds to think.
- Ask the question. Wait. Look around the room. Let someone else speak first.

WHEN ONE PERSON TALKS TOO MUCH

- Do not embarrass them. Thank them, then open the conversation: *"That's helpful. I'd love to hear what some of you think."*
- If it becomes a pattern, have a private conversation rather than correcting them in front of the group.

DRAW OUT THE QUIET PERSON

- Invite them without putting them on the spot: *"I'm curious what you think about that."*
- Let them pass. Quiet can mean thoughtful, cautious, or still learning that the room is safe.

WHEN THE GROUP GETS OFF TRACK

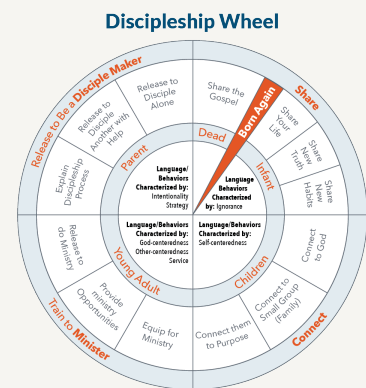
- Redirect without shutting people down: *"That's a good conversation. Let's bring it back to what we see in this passage."*

LISTEN BELOW THE ANSWER

- A comment about prayer, marriage, doubt, baptism, loneliness, or pain may be more important than finishing the next question.

You do not need to finish every question. A meaningful biblical conversation matters more than completing a page.

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ASK YOURSELF

- Am I talking too much?
- Who has not had room to speak?
- Is Scripture still guiding the conversation?