

SHEPHERDING YOUR GROUP

CARE WELL. KNOW WHEN TO REACH OUT.

You care for the people in your group, but you are not expected to handle every situation alone. Knowing when to involve your Small Groups Pastor is part of leading well.

CONTACT YOUR SMALL GROUPS PASTOR WHEN YOU BECOME AWARE OF:

- A hospitalization, serious medical situation, death, or major loss.
- A marriage or family crisis.
- Serious conflict inside the group.
- Someone who suddenly stops attending and you are concerned about them.
- A baptism decision or another significant spiritual decision.
- A major financial or life crisis.
- Addiction, abuse, a mental health crisis, or a safety concern.
- A situation where you simply do not know what to do next.

WHAT DO I DO FIRST?

- **Listen.** Give the person room to explain what is happening.
- **Care.** Be present without trying to solve everything.
- **Pray.** Bring the need to God with them.
- **Reach out.** Bring in pastoral care, church resources, or professional help when appropriate.

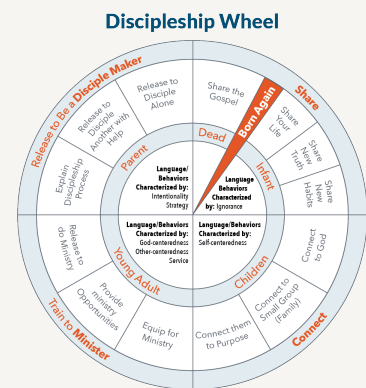
DO NOT CARRY EVERYTHING

You are their Small Group leader. You do not need to become their counselor, doctor, financial advisor, or marriage therapist. Sometimes the best way to care for someone is to help them connect with someone equipped to help.

If you believe someone is in immediate danger or there is an immediate threat to life or safety, contact emergency services first, then contact your Small Groups Pastor.

Share the good stories too. Let us know when someone trusts Jesus, gets baptized, begins serving, reconciles a relationship, or takes a meaningful spiritual step.

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ASK YOURSELF

- Does this situation need more care than I can provide?
- Who else needs to know?
- What is the most loving next step?