



GUIDE FOR NEW GROUPS

MEMBERS:

SIGN UP ONLINE AND GIVE US A LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF. YOUR LEADER WILL BE IN CONTACT WITHIN A COUPLE OF DAYS

FACILITATORS:

1. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO FACILITATE A GROUP, SEND AN EMAIL TO BETHANY@SEACOASTGRACE.ORG AND WE'LL GET YOU STARTED.
2. WE WILL SEND YOU CONTACT INFO FOR YOUR GROUP (8-10 PEOPLE)
 - PLEASE CALL EACH MEMBER OF YOUR GROUP WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIVING THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION
3. CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP
 - SET UP A GROUP TEXT (SMARTPHONE MESSAGING, GROUPME, GOOGLE HANGOUTS) OR VIA PHONE CALLS OR EMAILS
4. SET UP A GROUP MEETING
 - YOU WILL MOST LIKELY NEED TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING AN ONLINE SERVICE. THERE ARE MANY FREE OPTIONS. WE HAVE SUGGESTED THE ONES WE LIKE BEST BELOW:
 - VIDEO CONFERENCE: ZOOM OR GOOGLE HANGOUTS
 - PHONE CONFERENCE: FREECONFERENCECALL.COM
 - IF YOU ARE OPTING FOR AN IN-PERSON MEETING, PLEASE BE SURE TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS SUCH AS:
 - SOCIAL DISTANCING
 - PROPER SANITIZING
 - GROUPS OF NO MORE THAN 10 IN ONE LOCATION
5. LET YOUR GROUP KNOW THE DETAILS
 - HOW TO JOIN THE MEETING
 - DAY/TIME TO JOIN
 - ASK THEM TO TEST THEIR VIDEO/SOUND FEED PRIOR TO JOINING
6. HOST THE MEETING
 - LOG IN TO YOUR SELECTED PLATFORM 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO MEETING START
 - MAKE SURE YOUR VIDEO/SOUND FEED ARE WORKING CORRECTLY
 - WELCOME EACH MEMBER AS THEY JOIN
 - START MEETING ON TIME
 - WELCOME GROUP
 - ASK MEMBERS TO MUTE THEIR END OF THE CONVERSATION AT TIMES WHEN THEY ARE NOT SPEAKING/SHARING
 - INTRODUCTIONS: INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND ASK EACH MEMBER TO SHARE THEIR NAME AND ONE INTERESTING FACT ABOUT THEMSELVES (AFTER THE FIRST MEETING ASK EACH MEMBER TO SHARE "HIGHS AND LOWS:" THE BEST PART ABOUT THEIR WEEK AND THE WORST PART ABOUT THEIR WEEK)
 - PRAY (OUT LOUD) TO ASK GOD TO BE PRESENT IN YOUR MEETING)
 - CONFIDENTIALITY
 - IT IS OUR DESIRE THAT EACH GROUP PROMOTES A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR SHARING, WITHOUT FEAR OF JUDGEMENT OR CONDEMNATION. WE ARE NOT HERE TO "FIX" ONE ANOTHER
 - IN ORDER TO ENSURE A SAFE PLACE OF SHARING, WE ASK THAT EACH FACILITATOR TALK TO THEIR GROUP ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY AND A SAFE PLACE TO SHARE
 - FACILITATE DISCUSSION
 - USE THE LAST FEW DAYS OF QUESTIONS FROM THE DAILY DEVOS (SCGCHURCH.ORG/GROW-AT-HOME) TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSION (WORK FROM THE CURRENT DAY BACKWARDS). IF YOUR GROUP IS CHATTY YOU MAY ONLY GET THROUGH A COUPLE DAYS (THAT'S OK).
 - TRY TO ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO SHARE (NOT NECESSARY FOR EVERYONE TO ANSWER EVERY QUESTION BUT YOU CAN TRY TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE AT LEAST ONCE THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSION
 - PRAYER REQUESTS: AFTER THE DISCUSSION, GO AROUND THE GROUP AND ASK FOR PRAYER REQUESTS
 - CLOSE YOUR GROUP IN PRAYER (PRAY OUT LOUD) TO GUIDE THE GROUP IN PRAYER
 - REMIND THE GROUP OF YOUR NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME
 - CONNECT: STAY CONNECTED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK BY SHARING THOUGHTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS THROUGH YOUR GROUP CHAT OR EMAIL