

Small Group Leader Training



Wednesday 25 May 2022

Small groups at Emmanuel - six characteristics

- ❖ *A clear, agreed vision for the group - what is the purpose of our group?*
- ❖ *Mutually supportive*
- ❖ *Informal*
- ❖ A place where Christian character is formed
- ❖ Looking outwards as well as inwards
- ❖ Balanced relationally in two directions - vertically and horizontally

Managing group dynamics - Part 2

Opening question in breakout rooms:

Why do people choose to go to a small group?

A place where Christian character is formed - *'I don't have the nerve to claim that I'm any kind of role-model'*

1 Cor 11 v 1 - Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ.

Christian character being formed - humility - we are trying to be shaped by God as we lead our groups - significant as a posture of leadership - but we also need to model

Think:

Choose two or three Christians who have modeled Christ's character in your life. What was it that you learned from them?

JFA to close with talking about grace and leadership

Looking outwards as well as inwards -

'my group have such deep needs that we spend the whole time caring for them'

Teaching: 1 John 4 v 19- we love because he first loved us

Think about your group:

How much of how you spend your time together is *outwards looking* and how much is *inwards looking*?

How much of our group time concerns the needs of people outside of our group and how much concerns the needs inside the group?

Vertical as well as horizontal -

'we never get enough time to worship and pray'

Worship - teaching and learning - pastoral support - prayer - how would you say your group balance works?

Teach: Philippians 4 v 6

Reflect:

We've all been in groups that don't pray - why does this happen?

Pray for each other