

# Raising the Next Small Group Leader Leadership Group Guide - October 2022

Pearlside is called to be an apostolic training center that sends church plants locally, nationally, and globally. To fulfill this calling, we must continue to raise Small Group leaders that are devoted to sharing the Gospel, making disciples, and raising new leaders. The most practical way we can do this is by equipping and empowering potential leaders in our group to one day lead their own.

Leaders equipping and empowering their "next" is a theme throughout the Bible: The prophet Elijah raised Elisha to step into the leadership mantle amongst the Old Testament prophets. The Apostle Paul empowered Timothy to lead the church in Ephesus. Jesus chose twelve disciples that eventually led the early church and advanced the Gospel after He ascended to heaven.

Raising future leaders was part of the discipleship process and integral to the spread of the Gospel and the salvations that followed. As we continue to lead our groups, we must also identify potential new leaders, equip them in what we do, and empower them to one day lead their own group.

#### **FAITH** is an acronym that helps identify a potential new leader:

- <u>F</u>aithful: Consistent in attending the group and being on time
- Available: Makes time for the group and the care for its members
- Involved: Engaged in personal discipleship and group discussion and prayer
- <u>T</u>eachable: Willing to receive and apply feedback
- <u>H</u>ungry: Passionate for opportunities to share the Gospel, make disciples, and raise leaders

#### **Discussion Questions** (45 minutes):

- 1. Share about the person(s) you are raising in leadership and how it's going. How have they grown in their walk with God as you've provided them opportunities to step up and lead?
- 2. Who are the other potential leaders in your group? How can you help them grow in leadership?
- 3. Share updates regarding last month's discussion on reaching your one. What praise reports have you, or those in your group, experienced?

# Prayer Points (15 minutes):

- 1. Pray for the person(s) you are raising in leadership.
- 2. Pray for a multiplication of new leaders and groups at Pearlside that would be devoted to sharing the Gospel, making disciples, and raising new leaders.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **All Small Group Leaders Summit**

On Saturday, November 5, we will be having our Small Group Leaders Summit. This will be at the Main Campus from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Childcare will be available and we will be providing lunch. Don't forget to RSVP to the email that was sent out on September 26th.

# **Annual Contact Information Update**

It's that time of year! We would love to know the best way to get information to you. If you have any changes in your contact information, please fill out our Annual Contact Information Update form before Monday, October 31st.

#### Seek Week | October 25-27

Prayer and fasting are an integral part of developing our relationship with Christ. It is a time where we quiet ourselves from the distractions around us so that we can hear from God more clearly. More information on our prayer pockets will be announced within the month. Prepare your small group members to join us for one of these pockets. Visit pearlside.org/seekweek for guidelines on how to prepare for the fast.

## **Pearlside Small Group Leaders Podcast**

Listen to our weekly podcast to help prepare as you lead your Small Group. This is a valuable resource that you can use to equip your apprentices to lead a cluster or prepare them to start their own group. The podcast can be accessed on our Pearlside App under Small Group Leaders Resources or through Spotify and Apple Podcasts. Search for Pearlside Small Group Leaders Podcast.