



Hey Pearlside Small Group Leaders,

We wanted to express our sincerest appreciation and admiration for all of you for continuing to lead your groups during this challenging season. Our small groups will transition to meeting completely online following the second “Stay-At-Home, Work-From-Home” order. Discipleship will not stop, because people need relationships and community now more than ever.

We also wanted to let you know that we are making small tweaks to our Small Group Discussion Guides in order to facilitate more processing of life as well as for more prayer.

- 1) Smaller clusters:** Break larger groups into clusters of no more than 3 or 4 to allow everyone a chance to share. Empower your apprentices or assistants to lead smaller clusters.

- 2) New opening question:** We want to give more room for people to process their experiences and emotions. The opening question will create a space for people to share the greatest challenges that they experienced during the previous week, and experience empathy from others, which studies show is what is needed for healthy processing. Watch the clock. Limit this segment to 20 minutes and close with prayer for the needs expressed. The prayer will show empathy and provide a segue to the Main Thought and Passage Discussion that follows.

- 3) Shortened Main Thought and Passage Discussion:** The Main Thought and Passage Discussion will provide the Biblical frame to lead us forward in spite of our challenges. Watch the clock and limit this segment to no more than 20 minutes as well.

- 4) Prayer surge:** One of the goals of small group during this season is to activate all of us to create a surge of prayer, seeking God to deal with this crisis and heal our land. Prayer targets will be provided to focus our prayers.
 - a.** Focus on each topic one at a time, giving each person a chance to pray.
 - b.** Encourage 60 second prayers each to give everyone multiple opportunities to pray.

We will do this change for the current season that we’re in and make adjustments as needed. Thank you once again for all that you do for the Kingdom. May the Lord richly bless you and your family as you continue to serve Him.

Pearlside Team



Announcements:

Weekly Leadership Thought

As another leadership resource, we wanted to give you access to our “Weekly Leadership Thought” that is shared with our pastoral staff and campus ministers. This is for personal viewing and its purpose is to equip and encourage those who help lead and shepherd our church. We will be adding content like this to our Leaders Resource page. Because of the nature of the material, this page is password protected.

To access this page, go to <https://pearlside.org/leadership-resources> and enter the password: **leader**

Zoom Reimbursement

We will continue to reimburse Zoom “*Pro Package*” subscriptions for the month of **September**. This will enable you to keep hosting virtual Zoom meetings and not neglecting to meet as a small group.

- If you would like to participate in utilizing Zoom *Pro* for your small group meeting, please email info@pearlside.org. We will then send you reimbursement instructions for the cost of your subscription.
- If you already have your September or previous months of Zoom Pro receipts (beginning of May 2020), kindly email them directly to info@pearlside.org.