**7 Leader Essentials**

The goal of every Compass home group is to help people take one step closer to Jesus by creating a place where they can connect relationally, thrive spiritually, commit missionally.

In leading groups, we believe there are several key essentials to creating the best group environment for God to work in.

**Stay Connected**

1. This essential reminds us to stay spiritually connected to and nourished by Jesus.
2. When we remain connected to God’s love, we welcome his work in us and through us.
3. *Are you staying connected to Jesus, realizing that apart from him you can do nothing?*

**Include Prayer**

1. This essential is focused on the importance prayer plays in the lives of leaders and group members.
2. When we’re alone and when we’re together, we will be a people of prayer — always adoring, always confessing, always thanking, always asking.
3. *How are you cultivating your prayer life with God and in your group?*

**Provide Care**

1. This essential focuses on noticing when and how to care for others.
2. We take care of one another and see this as a shared role.
3. When things get difficult, or a ‘crisis’ happens, we extend care by providing comfort, counsel, encouragement and we meet practical needs.
4. We celebrate when good things happen and cheer each other on.
5. *Do you make it a priority for your group to support and care for each other?*

**Serve Together**

1. This essential expands the focus of the group beyond itself.
2. Identifying a project or area of ministry that your whole group can partner with will leverage impact both regionally and globally.
3. *Is service a consistent part of your group experience?*

**Promote Participation**

1. This essential focuses on how you involve your group members.
2. Invite members to share in the group experience by offering opportunities for them to participate in various roles.
3. Over time, people may find their favourite role(s). Suggest roles that suit their personality/giftings and give them the chance to grow in areas where they want to improve.
4. *How are you involving your group members in supporting the group?*

**Plan to Grow**

1. This leader essential challenges you to prepare others for leadership. As you identify and encourage people in your group to step into future leadership, you intentionally pass on knowledge, skills and opportunities.
2. As all groups have a natural life cycle, you must work with your group members to craft a picture of a strong finish and how best to multiply and allow others the opportunity to experience the joys of being a part of a home group.
3. *How are you intentionally investing in a potential leader in your group?*
4. *How are you planning today for a successful end to your current group?*

**Have Fun**

1. This essential is focused on how we build community
2. Don’t limit your connecting times to just group meetings. Encourage and facilitate connections outside of regular meeting times to further develop relationships. Go have some fun!
3. *How are you and your group members connecting outside of group time?*