



HOSTING GUIDE



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WELCOME!

Welcome to “Unsubscribe!” This guide is designed to help you lead and participate in this sermon series and cultivate a thriving Small Group in your home. This sermon series will be a powerful tool for building community, fostering spiritual growth and providing mutual supports to friends, family and others in your circle.

This guide will offer practical tips, discussion prompts and guided direction to make your small group a meaningful experience for everyone involved.

What Do Small Groups Offer?

- Connection - Building deeper relationships
- Growth - Deeper Discipleship and Spiritual Growth
- Support - Offering and receiving encouragement and help.

What Is My Role As The Small Group Leader?

To foster discipleship and spiritual growth by having guided conversations around biblically based curriculum to help members understand and apply God’s word to their lives. You don't have to be an expert, but rather a guide who helps the group explore and discover.

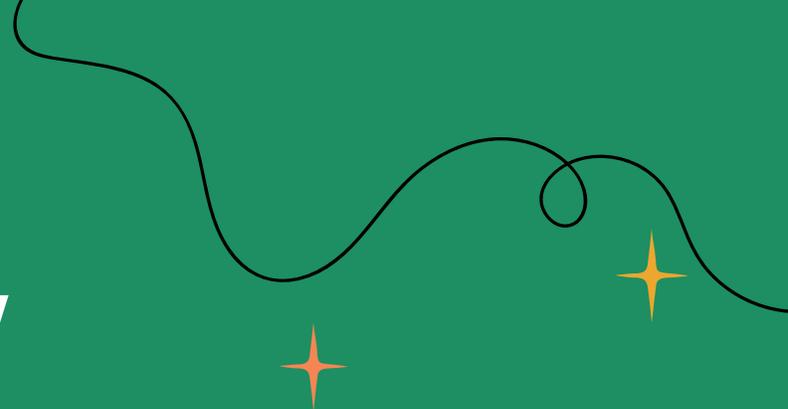
What Materials Are Provided To The Small Group Leader?

Curriculums & Video
Hosting Guide
Sign In Sheets
Yard Signs
Invite Cards
Prayer Cards

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SERIES OVERVIEW



We're all subscribed to things we never meant to sign up for—fear, shame, anger, isolation, unforgiveness, and the need to control everything. They drain our peace, hijack our thoughts, and keep us from becoming who God created us to be. In this 6-week series, Unsubscribe, we're hitting the “cancel” button on the lies we've believed and replacing them with the truth of God's Word. It's not about behavior modification—it's about heart transformation. If you're ready to break the patterns and embrace God's promises, this series is for you.

SERIES COMPONENTS

- Weekly Sunday Message Series
 - 6 Session Groups Study Guide (Online Only)
 - Invite Cards
 - Yard Sign
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GETTING STARTED

When will the Groups begin?

Groups will begin the week of August 24th. You can choose which day of the week works best for you.

How often will the Groups meet?

Groups will meet every week for 6 weeks.

How long are the Group meetings?

The ideal Group gathering is approximately 1.5 hours



What do I need for the first night?

A clean house, some snacks and drinks (non-alcoholic), the reviewed video, and the Group Discussion Guide.

KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL GROUP



Celebrating the Journey.

Everyone may be at a different place in their walk with Jesus. Focus on the next step.



Don't Do This Alone.

Reach out to your coach or Groups Coordinator if you need help.



Record Your Attendance.

Tracking your progress online encourages engagement.



Keep Your Meeting on Track.

If the subject is outside of the topic at hand, bring it back.



Follow Up:

Check in on your group throughout the week to see how they are applying each week's teaching.

THE BASICS

Co-Host: You need a co-host in case you need a break! Think of someone (who you like) and invite them to join you as the co-host. There may be someone who signs up who can fit this role. Don't do this alone!

Childcare: The easier the childcare, the easier it is for people to join your group. You can alternate couples in the Group to watch the kids each week. You can all chip in and pay for a babysitter to be there while you're in the Group. There are a lot of options!

Group Format & Curriculum: The Group discussion will be directed by the video. You might want to watch the video ahead of time to prepare yourself, but the video will do most of the work for you.

Follow the Instructions: The best part of this series is that all you have to do is follow the instructions. Do so and you'll have a life-impacting small Group!

FAMILY:

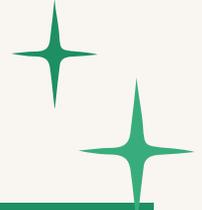
FRIENDS:

ACQUAINTANCES:

WORK:

FUN:

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS



GOD IS IN CHARGE. Rely solely on Him and be faithful in prayer for strength and wisdom. You were not selected to do this on your own, nor were you selected to serve without being served. Be open and willing for how God wants to use you to lead while He alone does His work in you.

PARTNER UP. Partner with a spouse, a friend, or another Group member for prayer support as well as practical assistance in hospitality, follow-up, and reporting.

BE PREPARED. Review and discuss the video session and discussion questions before your Group arrives.

BE OPEN. God wants to use you as you are — where you are in your own journey to connect with those in your Group. If you begin by being honest and transparent, others will follow your lead.

ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION. Follow the 70/30 rule. Your Group should talk 70% of the time, and you should talk no more than 30% of the time. Encourage others to participate, but don't force them. They'll jump in when they begin to feel comfortable.

HAVE FUN! This is not a boring task to check off your to-do list. This should be a fun time of laughter and freedom

ASK FOR INPUT. Stay connected to your small groups coach and ask for their advice. They have tons of experience and want to see you succeed.

PRAY! Nothing great happens in the Kingdom of God without prayer. Be sure to allow some time at the end of your session for prayer.

HONOR EACH OTHER

GROUP ATTENDANCE:

We want to give priority to the Group meeting. Please call or email if you will be late or can't attend.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: We want to create a safe environment where you share and feel loved. We won't give quick answers, snap judgments or simple fixes.

RESPECT DIFFERENCES: We will be gentle and gracious to people with different levels of spiritual maturity, personal opinions, temperaments, or imperfections.

CONFIDENTIALITY: We will keep anything that is shared confidential unless it involves hurting yourself or others.

ENCOURAGE GROWTH: We will make a conscious effort to reach out to others and share our spiritual life.

WELCOME NEW PEOPLE: We will keep an open chair so that God might bring someone new to our Group.



SMALL GROUP PLANNING WORKSHEET

Group Leader	
Group Co-Leader	
Group Start Date	
Group End Date	
Meeting Day	
Meeting Start Time & End Time	
Small Group Coordinator Contact Info	
Small Group Coach Contact Information	
Food/Snack Budget	
Childcare Plan	



HOW TO PLAN FOR YOUR UNSUBSCRIBE GROUP



We recommend your group take no longer than an hour and a half. This means starting on time and ending on time. This builds trust and ensures people return the next week.

To help you out, here is an example timeline for your group night.

SAMPLE GROUP SCHEDULE

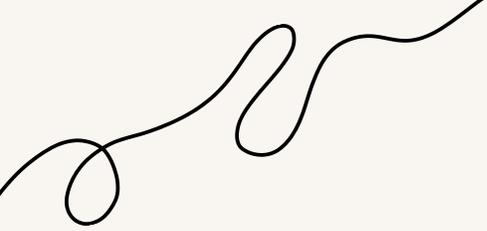
30 Minutes: Social Time

15 Minutes: Lesson

40 Minutes: Discussion

5 Minutes: Prayer





UNSUBSCRIBE TIMELINE

Host Briefing (Sunday)	07/27
Host Briefing (Sunday)	08/03
Host Briefing (Sunday)	08/10
Host Briefing and Small Groups Fair	08/17
Host Briefing (Sunday)	08/24
Week 1: Unsubscribe from Fear	08/24
Week 2: Unsubscribe from Shame	08/31
Week 3: Unsubscribe from Anger	09/07
Week 4: Unsubscribe from Unforgiveness	09/14
Week 5: Unsubscribe from Isolation	09/21
Week6: Unsubscribe from Control	09/23



NEXT STEPS AFTER THE SERMON SERIES

Wow! You did it! You hosted your first Small Group. The Next Steps are to become a Faith Church Small Group Leader. Below we have listed the steps you will need to take before you start your group. If you have any questions regarding the process, please reach out to your Small Groups Coordinator or Coach.

1 SUBMIT A SMALL GROUP LEADER REQUEST

Go to the faithishere.org website, click on next steps, click Groups, click start a group

2 GROWTH TRACK

Have you completed Growth Tracks? If not, sign up for the next Growth Track class

3 COMPLETE A BACKGROUND CHECK

All Small Group Leaders must have a cleared background check before they can start a group.

4 PICK A CURRICULUM

Choose your Small Group curriculum from our curriculum page.

5 SMALL GROUP ASSESSMENT GUIDE

Meet with your assigned Small Group Coach and complete your Small Group Assessment Guide.

6 CURRICULUM REVIEW

Familiarize yourself with the curriculum so that you can answer questions and overcome any objections a group member may have.

7 INVITE PEOPLE



Use the invites and other information in your Small Group Leader Kit to start inviting people to your upcoming group.

8 START YOUR GROUP!

A spectacular fireworks show to conclude the event.

THANK YOU!

