



GRACE GROUP LEADER GROWTH RESOURCES

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READ (this summation of chapters)

Making Small Groups Work by Henry Cloud and John Townsend

Chapter 11 - Support & Strengthening

- When group members become weak or discouraged, groups can help them become stronger and better able to handle life.
- Truly listening to someone dealing with weakness helps that person feel that the issue is not as unmanageable as he feared.
- True strengthening helps people face and accept failure as part of the growth process rather than being afraid of making mistakes.

Chapter 12 - Mentoring

- I am constantly aware that my group has mentioned me in many areas of my life, such as marriage, parenting, devotional life, and work.
- Trust builds up between the group and its members as they experience being safely loved, graced and helped.
- Help your members to be aware of their next mentoring step and bring it to the group.

Questions to ponder:

1. How can you grow at intentional listening? What would be some action steps?
2. Have you recognized when a person or couple has experienced failure?
3. Have you pushed your group members to their next mentoring step?

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The Disciple Maker's Podcast: Beyond Bible Knowledge: Transforming Lives
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Questions to ponder:

1. What do you think is the greatest hinderance to people's discipleship?
2. The speaker says disciple-making is getting alongside people relationally and teaching them to obey Jesus. Would you say this is right? Or, would you add anything to it?
3. Do you know how to disciple people so their character looks more like Jesus?