



GRACE GROUP LEADER GROWTH RESOURCES

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Please read this summation of:

**Small Groups with Purpose by Steve Gladden
Chapter 5 - It All Starts with Community**

- 1 Peter 3:8 - Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.
- True Christian community goes deeper than spending social time together. It dives below the surface into the heart and enables us to speak into each other's lives. It provides the strong foundation for living out all the purposes in a safe environment and is the glue that holds the your group together when times get tough. This type of community will not happen, however, without direction and focused leadership.
- Encourage group members to make the Bible part of their daily routine, not just something they read for small group study. You may ask, "What verse spoke to you this week?"

Questions to ponder:

1. How compassionate/empathetic are you with your group members?
2. Is there someone in your group that you need to speak truth to?
3. Do you really know the spiritual discipline habits of your group members?

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(46 minutes)

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Question to ponder:

1. Is your group thriving? Why or why not?