

Leader Notes: Easter Experience

Session One- My Life Has a Purpose

Before Everyone Arrives

Be sure to have watched the leader training videos on Disc 3 for great training on leading.
Be sure to test your DVD and watch the *intro* and *episode one* for “My Life Has a Purpose.”

Suggested agenda for a 90-minute group gathering:

25 minutes: welcome, appetizers, icebreakers, and connecting with one another.

30 minutes: intro video and main video

20 minutes: discussion

15 minutes: prayer requests, prayer, and departure

* Do your best to start and end on time each week

During Your Meeting

Lead your group through the discussion guide by facilitating, NOT teaching. Apply the 70/30 principle. They do 70% of the talking, you do 30% or less.

Before starting the main video consider reminding your group that the video is almost twenty-five minutes long and they may wish to take notes. Make sure everyone in your group has a discussion guide and a pen. Additional guides are available in the Southeast *Living Word Bookstore* for \$3.00.

After Watching the Video

Remember that these videos, especially the first three, carry a great deal of emotional weight and are not light-hearted clips. After viewing the video, you should be the first to share your thoughts and comments about the video before the final discussion.

One of the most important things you can do as a leader is to make prayer a key part of your time together. Open and close each meeting with prayer. A simple prayer at the beginning and end of the night can help keep the group focused on God’s power working on among them. Keep prayer requests specific to people in the group. One of the easiest ways for groups to become disengaged with prayer is when everyone routinely shares requests about their *Aunt Suzie’s bunions*. As the leader, you should be the one who prays during your first several meetings.

Finally, before everyone leaves go over the section together. There is always a scripture verse to be memorized and some sort of assignment or challenge for group members to do before your next meeting. Take the opportunity to discuss why this is important and encourage everyone to participate.

Thank you again for your willingness to lead a group here at Southeast Christian Church. You are the crucial element that allows so much of God’s work to be accomplished through your faithfulness and encouragement. Best wishes on your first night together and let us know if there is any way we can support you.

