



**CROSSBRIDGE**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

## 7 Leader Essentials

Being attentive to the following will facilitate the life-giving experience and greatly enhance your Lifegroup's reproducibility. These strategies are foundational so every group functions in a healthy way, makes kingdom impact, and grows to multiplication. If you sense your group is stagnant or stuck, revisit these basics to assess if you've gotten away from them.

### 1. Rotate homes

This is a non-negotiable for Lifegroups. Consistently remind people it's not about having a big home. This makes it reproducible as potential leaders don't feel the weight of one person hosting every time. Something special happens when we come into each other's homes, look at photos and feel a part of their family.

### 2. Create a strategy for blessing the children (Section 7)

Here are some basic ways to make the most of this opportunity:

- Whoever is hosting Lifegroup is encouraged to share their house rules and expectations, so respect is given and safety is considered.
- Include kids in meal times. Teach the adults how to include the kids at the table and talk with them. Super powerful!
- Include the children in worship for one song and consider having a family Lifegroup once a month where kids are in the whole time. Caring for the kids is the whole group's role as a spiritual family.

### Life Drain Alert

If you don't have a strategy, the kids may be seen as an annoyance or obstacle.

### 3. Have a group administrator

It's amazing how much this adds life to the group. Let the person with the gift of administration use his/her gift! Here are some key administration functions:

- Thinking ahead six to seven weeks with a hosting rotation and upcoming events
- Leverage group texts to foster connection through the week.

- Utilize the Lifegroup vision card to share with guests after their first visit explaining what we do and how we do it. Make sure to let them know group details for next week and follow up within 24 hours after their visit.

### Life Drain Alert

Don't think that you need to do the scheduling because you're the leader. If you're not administrative, it will drain life from you and the group.

#### 4. Be a good time manager

- Start on time and end on time. It communicates respect and value.
- Encourage people to be on time, though some simply can't due to work.
- Don't let the fellowship/meal time dominate. Shoot for no longer than 40-45 minutes.
- Give a two-minute warning to allow people to wrap up conversations and head to the central gathering space.

#### 5. Coach others to lead

Remember, you're leading reproducibly, so let others lead the parts of the flow. Use the member leading tips to send ahead of time.

### Life Drain Alert

If you don't coach others to lead, no one will ever step up and, even worse, you'll feel an increasing weight to make the group life-giving.

#### 6. Keep inviting people

Never stop inviting others. It needs to be the culture of your group. Your group will become excited about the outward vision as the group grows and they see their group making a difference in the lives of others. There is an unstated value that bonds your group together with a unified focus on welcoming and ministering to guests that come.

### Life Drain Alert

Stop inviting and the group loses kingdom impact and multiplying becomes highly unlikely or divisive.

#### 7. Work toward a multi-generational group

The most obvious reasons for multi-gen groups is that older people often provide wisdom and younger people often provide life, but there are other important benefits:

- You don't get over run with children in a multi-gen group. Young parents have others who will love to hold their baby.
- Remember, the goal of Lifegroup (the church) goes way beyond being a place for friendship. We're the family of God on a rescue mission.