

FUTURE LEADERS

Crawl, Walk and Run into Small Group Leading

At Salt we're praying to see a flood of lifelong disciples of Jesus across the Illawarra and beyond. As God graciously answers that prayer and brings more people to trust Jesus at Salt, we'll grow in number.

So we'll need *more* Small Groups, and *more leaders*.

We also want to be a church that is deep, where we're hungry to know God better, excited to see reality the way God does, and live it out. One place that happens is as we dig into God's word in our Small Groups.

So we'll need *quality* Small Groups with *trained* leaders.

We want to help people in our Small Groups get ready to lead a group in the future – so that it's a *natural next step* instead of an enormous leap. There's different parts of group life you could take a next step in, to grow towards leading, or just to be a more helpful group member.

Start with a crawl, a walk, then a run.

AREA OF GROUP LIFE	CRAWL	WALK	RUN
Bible Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read the bible passage out loud to your group. 2. When you split into pairs / a smaller group, ask the question the leader gives you. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrive early and chat with your leader/s to find out the 'big thing' they're aiming for in the Bible Discussion. 2. Lead a Swedish Method Bible Discussion. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prep and lead a Bible Discussion, using the Bible Discussion Notes given to leaders.
Prayer Time	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pray for people in your group, and then find out from them during the week how what you prayed for went. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrive early to pray with the leader/s for the Small Group time 2. Split into guys & girls, or into smaller groups, and lead a split prayer time 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lead a <i>directed</i> split prayer time, where there's a particular theme or idea you want people to pray for.
Group Dynamics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sit and chat with someone who seems less well connected in the group. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After the group meets, give feedback to your leader/s on the group and how engaged or not you thought people were. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be actively engaged and encouraging to others in your group time, as a model to your group.
Hosting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give the person hosting the group a hand setting up. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask your leader/s or the person hosting: what can I bring to share with the group? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss with your host / leaders how to improve the set-up of the room you meet in, so it's more helpful for conversation.
Group Ownership	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Let your leader/s know if you can't come one week. 2. Join your Small Group's social media thing / whatever your group uses to communicate during the week. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be a regular attender of your Small Group and Church. 2. Actively respond and interact with posts on your group's Social Media thing. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share with a Salt member or a friend encouraging stories from your Small Group. 2. Post encouraging comments, Christian articles, sermons, etc. on your group's Social Media thing.
Follow-up & Care	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pray (on your own) for someone who wasn't at your group one week. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pray (in your group time) for someone who wasn't at your group that week. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Text someone who wasn't at your group one week and ask how they're going 2. Organise some practical care if someone in your group needs that.