

# Qualities of a SMALL GROUP LEADER

*It's a privilege to be a Small Group Leader! Each week, Small Groups at Salt Church meet to read the bible, pray together and love each other. That's how God transforms lives! Nothing is more exciting than seeing God change people by His word!*

*As you lead there are five qualities you should be cultivating. You don't need to be perfect at them but you do need to be growing and moving forwards. Ultimately God grows these things in us, so pray for his help, 'being confident that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus' (Phil 1:6).*

## 1. Loving God's Word



'All Scripture is God-breathed' (2 Tim 3:16) – God speaks to us in his word. So be someone who loves the bible because you're hungry to know God better. You should steadily be learning more about God. More importantly, you need to know God and have a growing relationship with him. Read the bible often, share how God's word is changing you, and be willing to submit to the bible as the final authority in shaping your life.

## 2. Loving God's People



'As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34). God loves you in Jesus, and His love drives you to love His people. Show that love in words and actions to the people in your group. Be someone who gets to know the people in your group, who listens well, and who is always looking for ways to encourage them – so you can 'speak the truth in love' and can 'consider how to spur them on toward love and good deeds' (Eph 4:15, Heb 10:24).

## 3. Being Kingdom-first



A Kingdom-first person gets that Jesus' death in your place and His resurrection to give you new life has brought you into the Kingdom of God. Be someone who more and more shapes your life around the Kingdom of God and who feels the weight of the reality of heaven and hell. That will impact: what you pray for, how you use your time, energy and money, the way you make decisions, and your priorities in life.

## 4. Serving Willingly



Lead 'not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve' (1 Pet 5:2). Serve God humbly, with joy that He lets you join in His work of transforming lives!

## 5. Serving Together



At Salt Church we're praying to see a flood of lifelong disciples of Jesus across the Illawarra and beyond. As a leader at Salt be on board with that mission. Willingly serve alongside other leaders to see it happen, and be someone who treats your Small Group Coach and Salt's Leadership Team with respect, as they lead you. Keep growing so you're teachable, dependable and share your disagreements gently and with the bible open.