

MCG COACHING GUIDELINES

GOAL

"And we exhort you, brothers and sisters: warn those who are idle, comfort the discouraged, help the weak, be patient with everyone." 1 Thess 5:14

Your primary role is to encourage and support MCG leaders/co-leaders as they shepherd their groups.

INWARD HEALTH

Inward movement of the MCG is characterized by the groups openness and affinity for one another. When a group is inwardly healthy they are sharing life, confessing sin, encouraging and caring for one another.

Questions for assessing the inward health of the group:

- Are you meeting regularly or as planned?
- During discussion, are most people contributing to the conversation in meaningful ways?
- Do people share personal (even private) struggles openly with the group?
- Are group members spending time together outside of the regular gathering?
- Is there a spirit of comradery in the group so that people enjoy being together?

OUTWARD HEALTH

Outward movement is characterized by the groups commitment to their mission. When a group is outwardly healthy they are inviting new people to MCG, engaging in their mission regularly and praying for outsiders frequently.

Questions for assessing the outward health of the group:

- What are you currently planning to reach your pocket of people?
- When you're participating in your mission or engaging your pocket of people, do you have the participation of the full group?
- Who have you been inviting to MCG lately? Has anyone new visited?
- Are there any stories of people sharing the gospel in their circle of influence?
- Who is the group praying for right now?

UPWARD HEALTH

Upward movement is characterized by the groups spiritual growth and maturity. When an MCG is upwardly healthy they are not only spending time in study of God's word and in prayer - they are also demonstrating spiritual fruit.

Questions for assessing the upward health of the group:

- Can you share a recent story of God working in the life of a group member or family?
- Is there anyone in the group that stands out as displaying spiritual growth or fruit recently?
- · What are you currently studying together? How did you pick it?
- What kind of prayer requests are shared weekly? Are they personal and spiritual or physical and others focused?
- Is there an recent example of someone growing in the practice of spiritual disciplines? (ex. bible reading, prayer, fasting, etc.