
CHAPTERS

LEADER CUE CARDS

Week-by-Week At-a-Glance Guide

HOW TO USE THESE CARDS

- Bring these with you each week
- Glance at them as needed
- You do not need to read everything word-for-word
- They are here to reduce pressure, not add it

WEEK 1

EVERY STORY HAS CHAPTERS

GOAL OF THE NIGHT

Create safety and connection. Help everyone speak once.

OPENING SCRIPT

“Thanks for being here. This is a relaxed space—no pressure to talk, no pressure to be deep. Share what you’re comfortable with.”

OPENING QUESTION

What made you decide to come tonight?

LEADER FOCUS

- Keep answers brief
- Make room for everyone
- Affirm participation, not depth

WATCH FOR

- One person answering everything
- Nervous energy or silence

IF CONVERSATION STALLS

- “Can anyone relate to that?”
- “What stood out to you so far?”

CLOSE WITH

Gratitude for showing up and starting together.

WEEK 2

THE CHAPTER YOU'RE IN

GOAL OF THE NIGHT

Self-awareness without comparison.

OPENING QUESTION

How would you describe your current season of life?

LEADER FOCUS

- Normalize different seasons
- Keep people from comparing or explaining too much

WATCH FOR

- Self-judgment
- Over-spiritualized answers

IF CONVERSATION GOES SIDEWAYS

- “There’s no right answer—just where you are.”
- “Anyone else experience something similar?”

CLOSE WITH

Reminder that seasons change and no one is alone in theirs.

WEEK 3

CHAPTERS OF GROWTH

GOAL OF THE NIGHT

Perspective and reflection.

OPENING QUESTION

What has this season been teaching you?

LEADER FOCUS

- Learning over blaming
- Reflection over fixing

WATCH FOR

- Negative spirals
- Complaint loops

REDIRECT WITH

- “What do you think that revealed to you?”
- “What are you noticing about yourself?”

CLOSE WITH

Encouragement that growth often happens quietly.

WEEK 4

WHEN CHAPTERS CHANGE

GOAL OF THE NIGHT

Grace during transition.

OPENING QUESTION

How do you usually respond to change?

LEADER FOCUS

- Slow the pace
- Normalize uncertainty

WATCH FOR

- Fear-based language
- Rushed solutions

REDIRECT WITH

- “It’s okay not to know yet.”
- “Anyone else relate to that feeling?”

CLOSE WITH

Reassurance that transition doesn’t mean failure.

WEEK 5

WRITING THE NEXT CHAPTER

GOAL OF THE NIGHT

Hope without pressure.

OPENING QUESTION

What feels like it might be next for you?

LEADER FOCUS

- Gentle optimism
- No forced decisions or declarations

WATCH FOR

- Overconfidence masking fear
- Pressure to “have it figured out”

REDIRECT WITH

- “This doesn’t have to be clear yet.”
- “What feels small but meaningful?”

CLOSE WITH

Affirmation that next steps can be simple.

WEEK 6

SHARED CHAPTERS

GOAL OF THE NIGHT

Belonging and healthy closure.

OPENING QUESTION

What has this group meant to you?

LEADER FOCUS

- Gratitude
- Shared experience
- Clear ending

WATCH FOR

- Emotional overwhelm
- People avoiding closure

OPTIONAL FOLLOW-UP QUESTION

What's one thing you're taking with you from this group?

CLOSE WITH

Thanks, encouragement, and clarity about what's next at church.

QUICK REMINDERS (BACK OF EVERY CARD)

- You are a host, not a teacher
- Silence is okay
- Direction is leadership, not rudeness
- Protect the tone of the group
- Ask for help if needed
