



THE CORNERSTONE GUIDELINES FOR SMALL GROUPS

Procedure:

1. The Lesson – 45-50 minutes
2. Shared Prayer – 10 minutes

Guidelines:

1. Share only what is written on your paper. In the Small Groups, we are sharing the thoughts and insights we received during our prayerful study time. Possibly mark one or two of the Connection Questions that you would feel comfortable sharing with your group.
2. Pass on any question you are not comfortable answering or have not completed.
3. Keep your sharing brief and to the point.
4. Respect the opinions of others. There should be no arguing, debating or discussion.
5. Remember that the Connection Questions are answered voluntarily.
6. Limit the number of times you answer the Connection Questions so that everyone will have an opportunity to share.
7. Inform the Group Facilitator before the session begins if you have not finished any or all of the lesson so that he/she will know that you will not be sharing.
8. Remember that *everything shared in the group is to be **CONFIDENTIAL***. *What is said in the group, stays in the group.* This includes personal prayer requests.
9. Move quickly and quietly to and from the area where the large group gathers.

Commitments:

1. Pray regularly for The Cornerstone and the members of The Cornerstone.
2. Make regular attendance a priority.
3. Come prepared to share with your lesson completed.
4. Listen attentively to the members of your group when they share their answers.
5. Show respect and courtesy towards each member of your Small Group.
6. Support The Cornerstone ministry with your gifts of prayer, time, talent and treasure.

Benefits of sharing in the Small Groups:

1. We often find that the truth God gives to one is the truth for everyone.
2. We frequently receive God's words for ourselves through the insights of others.
3. We receive support and encouragement from fellow Christians in our spiritual journey and come to know new people from different backgrounds.
4. We learn to love and accept others.

Use the fruit of the Spirit as your guide. Galatians 5:22-23 "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."