1. Keep the focus on the __________.

   *So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)*

2. You are __________________________

3. Remember, both of you, as a ____________________ are the group leaders.

   *In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow. (2 Thessalonians 3:6-9 NIV)*

4. Encourage an atmosphere of ______________ and ________________________.

   - Create a ____________ environment
   - Embrace __________________________

5. Put ____________________ ________________ on each person in your group.

6. Be available to the ____________ _____________ as His vessels.

7. Allow periods of ________________________.

8. Handling the ____________________People

   (1)The __________________________

   *Rule of Three - No one should share more than ________ times before everyone has had a chance to share at least ____________.*

   (2)The __________________________.
(3) The __________________________.

(4) The __________________________.

(5) The __________________________.

9. You are not the “__________ person” – You are the “__________ person.”

   1) Ask __________________________ questions.

   2) Ask __________________________ questions.

   3) Get people to state different _____________ & _______________ them

   4) Make sure the __________________________ hits the road.

10. Start and end on __________ and conclude your time together with prayer.

**Conclusion – Small Groups are for:**

1. __________________________
2. __________________________
3. __________________________

**Discussion Questions**

1. Which of these tips would be the most helpful to your group? How could you implement it at your next meeting?

2. Which of these tips will be the hardest to apply to your group? And why?

3. Which of the Challenging People types (#8) are the most difficult? And why?

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