

CHOOSING A LEADER

Congratulations on completing **Launching Well**. We hope you had a great time celebrating together. We're so glad you've decided to continue as a group. Now it's time to choose a leader.

Step 1. Review.

You watched at Group Launch a video, "Who is a Good Leader?" We think a good leader is a CATCH. Take some time as a group to review the different elements of CATCH on the next page.

Step 2. Pray.

Spend some time in prayer, asking God to help your group make the right decision about choosing a leader. There are many ways to do this. Maybe one person prays for the group, or you each say a sentence or two.

Step 3. Conversation.

Your group has been together for six sessions. You're getting to know each other and have heard each other's stories. You're ready to choose a leader. You've got this.

Sometimes it will be apparent to the group who should lead, and you don't need much of a conversation other than to see if that person/couple will do it. Other times you might need to have a more extensive discussion. One thing to remember is that couples' groups must nominate a couple to lead.

There's no right way to have the leader nomination conversation. You could go around the circle to have everyone say who they think would do a good job leading and why. You could do a secret ballot where people write who they think should lead on a piece of paper, and then you read the votes out. Maybe someone in your group has a better idea of how to do it.

Once your group nominates someone to lead, that person/couple will need to decide whether to accept the nomination or not. The person/couple might want to pray about it for a few days. If a person/couple declines the nomination, your group will have to choose someone else.

Most of the time, choosing a leader is reasonably easy for our groups. Be sure to reach out to your staff contact for help making decisions if your group is stuck.

Step 4. Let us know.

Once your group has chosen a leader and they have accepted, please reach out to your staff contact to let us know.

WHO IS A GOOD LEADER?

a good leader is a...

C - Christ-follower

This leader is not brand new to following Jesus. They have made a decision to follow Christ and are actively pursuing a relationship with God.

A - Available

They have room in their schedule and are willing to champion our model of Be There, Be Engaged and Be Yourself.

T - Teachable

Whether it is their first time leading or they've been leading for 20 years, they desire to continue growing as a leader and as a Christ-follower by engaging in Be-Know-Do.

C - Caring

They have a strong desire to care about their group members' stories and what is going on in their lives.

H - Humble

This is someone who doesn't feel like they need to give all the answers but is willing to ask questions and listen. They lead to hear others' voices more than their own.

CHOOSING A LEADER FAQ

What if I really want to lead?

That's awesome if you want to lead. Spend some time praying about it before your group meets, and then trust God with the process. Come to the conversation with a heart willing to lead, but also be ok with not leading **if that is the group's decision.**

What if the group asks me to lead?

Spend some time before this meeting praying and asking God to open your heart to lead **your group. Remember that leading doesn't mean you do everything for your group.** Your group can work together so everyone is pitching in. Leadership is about the different aspects of CATCH.

What if I wanted to lead, but I'm not asked to lead?

If you wanted to lead but aren't chosen, that's ok. Maybe this is not the right time for you to lead. There are still many ways to take ownership of elements of your group to help your leader out. If you feel called to group leadership, reach out to your staff contact and have a conversation. Maybe they will have an opportunity for you to lead a group in the future.