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Interested in Leading a Group?

Here are some FAQs

What is a Group?
Groups are smaller gatherings of people learning to live their lives for Jesus, just like you!

Am I qualified to lead one?
- Are you an active Covenant Member having completed PHYSIOLOGY?
- Are you committed to the Vision & Values of SomaChurch and actively involved in other areas of service on SomaPulse Teams?
- Is your faith in Jesus genuine and growing?
- Are you committed to prayer?
- Do you have a desire to see others learn to live their lives for Jesus?
- Are you able to relate to people and respond to their need with care?
- Have you completed the Soma Equip Classes: Freedom and Discipleship 101?
- Are you willing to manage conflict should the need arise?
- Are you able to complete a Group Leaders Application?
- Do you joyfully tithe 10% and participate in other free will offerings?

What would I be doing?
A Group Leader is like an 'under-shepherd'; helping Soma Leadership care for those in our congregation. Things like:

- **Pray regularly** for Soma Leadership and for everyone in your Group.

- **Invite and welcome new people**, inside and outside of SomaChurch, to visit your Group and encourage your Group members to do the same!

- **Stay in communication** with your Group about stuff going on and follow up with visitors.

- **Create an atmosphere** where people can make friends, grow in their faith & have fun.

- **Share the leadership** and responsibilities with others in the Group.

- **Identify and strengthen leaders** so they can eventually lead a Group, too!

- **Work toward multiplying** your Group.

- **Maintain unity** by representing the Vision, Values and Theology of SomaChurch.

- **Attend Group Leadership Trainings** for accountability, encouragement & Growth.

What does a gathering look like?

Almost anything you can envision that will create a safe place where people can talk about life! A few components that are a must for every time you meet are:

Encouragement
Be a source of strength and promote hope and purpose to those in your Group.

Scripture
The Word of God is the foundation for everything you do. Put it at the top of the list!

Prayer
This must be a priority for your Group. Nothing meets the need & gels a Group like prayer!

Next Steps
Point people to resources and share growth opportunities based on their needs.

Anything else I should know?

Yes! If you feel inspired to lead a SomaChurch Group, it's important to understand that:

1. **You'll have to own the vision for your Group!** It's up to you to clearly communicate what your Group is about and what everyone can expect as well as promote Soma's overall Vision for Groups. In other words, communication will be a very important component to the success and health of your Group. Don't worry… we'll help you get really good at that.

2. **You're going to have to invite people!** If you want people in your Group, you are the one who will have to get them there. *Soma may provide some additional promotion of new Groups and other Group involvement, but it is primarily up to the Group Leaders.* Eventually, your Group will also be inviting others from inside and the outside of the church, but at first, it's up to you! Don't worry… we'll give you some tools to help with that, too.

3. **You can't count on curriculum to create community!** Content and context may be what catches people, but it's not what keeps people. The safe and life-giving environment that you foster will be what motivates people to continue coming.

Okay! Yeah, I might be interested. What is the next step?

1. Fill out a **Group Leader Application. Scan this QR code with your phone or visit www.somatyler.org/groups.**

   A church leader will contact you to go over your application for final approval on leading a Group for SomaChurch.

2. We will have a **Group Trainings** periodically to provide orientation to the process of leading a Group as well as on-going Leader Trainings each semester to further equip and encourage you.

3. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to confirm that this is the season for you to lead a Group.