

TFH Group Leader - Continuous Learning Menu

Continuous Growth: As a part of being a TFH Group Leader at The Father’s House, we encourage continuous learning and growth. Please consider selecting one area to grow and learn about each month. As you engage this process consider following:

1. **Choose to Grow** - Select an area of personal growth
2. **Identify a Resource** - Select at one resource from the list to read or view
3. **Discuss Your Learning** - Meet another leader for a coffee to discuss what you are learning
4. **Implement the Learning** - Try out something you learn with your group during the month

RightNow Media - Each of the videos listed below are available free of charge to you on the RightNow Media website. If you do not already have a login to this website, contact your campus TFH Groups staff member.

Viewing the Videos - You can click on the title of each video to be redirected to the video online if you are reading this on an electronic platform. You can also locate each video by going to the RightNow website and searching for the title.

Disclaimer: These videos were not developed by The Father’s House. As a result, you will notice that they do not have our feel and style; however, the content is great and will help us grow in our leadership abilities.

Topic	Resource	Length	Description
New Leaders	<u>New Leader Boot Camp</u> <i>Part 1: How to Grow Your Group</i>	9 min	Is this your first time leading a small group? Has it been a while since you’ve been in the trenches? Then these two sessions are for you. They talk about two essential issues that new leaders need to know to be successful.
	<u>New Leader Boot Camp</u> <i>Part 2: Don’t Lead Alone</i>	9 min	This session builds off of Part 1 with two more essential topics first time group leaders need to know. It also can be a great refresher for leaders who have led for a while in the past as well.
	<u>Launching for Success</u> <i>Part 1: How to Make Sure There is a Second Meeting</i>	16 min	Getting your small group off to a good start is critical to its long-term success. In this first session you will find practical advice to help you navigate the first few meetings of your new group.

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Leaders	<u>Launching for Success</u> <i>Part 2: The Real Reason People Don't Come Back</i>	16 min	Every small group faces challenges, but there are a few things that can destroy your group. In this session you will discover five group killers and how to avoid them.
	<u>Launching for Success</u> <i>Part 3: How to Guarantee You Will Burn Out</i>	12 min	Leading a small group can be rewarding both spiritually and relationally. As you invest your life in others, you will burn out if you are not intentional about taking care of yourself. The final session of this series talks about how to stay spiritually vibrant as you invest in your group.
	<u>How to Handle Childcare</u>	3 min	Several simple suggestions on how to handle and address the issue of what to do with the kids during Connect Group time.
Healthy Groups	<u>Patterns of a Healthy Group</u> <i>Part 1: Connecting With One Another</i>	14 min	How do you know if your small group is thriving? In Part 1 the teacher focuses on how to build strong relationships with others in your group.
	<u>Patterns of a Healthy Group</u> <i>Part 2: Changing to Be Like Christ</i>	10 min	How do you know if your small group is healthy? In Part 2 the teacher discusses the importance of constantly changing to be more like Christ.
	<u>Patterns of a Healthy Group</u> <i>Part 3: Cultivating a Heart for Others</i>	14 min	How do you know if your small group is healthy? In Part 3 the teacher talks about cultivating a heart for others.
	<u>Group Killers</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	5 min	A great list of things that can kill your groups growth and momentum. Watching this video will help you identify dangerous tendencies and obstacles that should be avoided.
	<u>Four Essentials of a Healthy Small Group</u>	40 min	Four incredible sessions by Rick Howerton on ensuring group health. Select this one if you are ready to go deeper and invest a bit more time.
	<u>Evaluating Your Missional Heartbeat</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	3 min	Our Connect Groups do not exist solely for the purpose of feeding our need for community. Rather a healthy vibrant group has an outreach, service and missional mentality. This teaching explains this idea.
	<u>When Your Group is Small</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	3 min	Simple tips and ideas for what to do when your group gets too small.
	<u>Is Your Group Too Big</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	7 min	What do you do when the group gets so big that people cannot form intimate relationships with everyone in the group?

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Building Relationships	<u>Building Relationships During the Group</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	4 min	Key strategies for leveraging the time you are in group together to ensure that authentic relationships develop rather than just simply “doing” group together.
	<u>Building Relationships Outside of Group Time</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	3 min	Several quick and simple tips for helping you develop strong relationships outside of the group time.
	<u>Building a Relational Bridge</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	3 min	Discussion on helping build a relational bridge with and between the members of your group to help strengthen community in your Connect Group.
	<u>3 Keys to Forming Strong Relationships in Your Group</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	14 Min	Do you want your small group to grow deeper in relationship with each other and with God? In this session the teacher shares how to connect with your group by leading great discussion, asking good questions, and being an active listener.
Prayer	<u>Conducting Great Prayer Time</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	3 min	Sometimes prayer time can be the most awkward and challenging part of the group time. But it doesn't have to be that way. Here are several simple tips for making this time a highlight for your group.
	<u>Prayer Time Done Right</u> <i>(Select the first one)</i>	6 min	Prayer should be an integral part of your small group, but some groups find these prayer times awkward. Who should pray, and for what? This session offers some practical suggestions to help your group's prayer time be effective and meaningful.
Shepherding	<u>Helping People Grow Outside of Group Time</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	3 min	As the leader, you are a coach and a shepherd who seeks to continually help your people find and take their next step on the spiritual journey toward becoming a fully surrendered disciple of Jesus Christ This teaching begins to explore how you help lead people outside of the group time.
	<u>How to Find and Develop Leaders</u>	6 min	As your church grows, so will your need for additional small group leaders. In this session you will learn how to identify and develop potential leaders.

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Developing Leaders	<u>Developing an Apprentice</u>	18 min	Many of us want to develop additional leaders in our small groups. Sometimes it's hard to know where to start or how to find the right person. Mac Lake talks about developing an apprentice. Mac has been working with small groups for over 30 years. He has experience in developing new leaders. This training post will give you the vision and tools you need to find that next leader.
	<u>Finding Future Leaders</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	2 min	The Kingdom of God is advancing, and we continually need more leaders to meet the needs of more people in community. This teaching has quick and simple tips for identifying future leaders.
	<u>Developing Future Leaders</u> <i>(Select either of first 2 videos)</i>	3 min	Simple tips for developing future leaders who will help replicate what you are doing so more people can encounter God through community at TFH.
	The Apprentice Development Rubric <i>(see your coach for this one)</i>	A 2 page doc	A fantastic tool created by TFH Coaches to help you plan out and support your apprentice throughout the season. Each week they should have strategically designed activities and responsibilities that will slowly prepare them to lead their own group next season.
	<u>When Your Group is Too Big</u> <i>(Select either of first 2 videos)</i>	4 min	When your group gets too big you need to replicate the experience so that everyone can continue to receive the benefit of intimate community. This video teaching gets into suggestions on how to navigate this issue.
Improving Discussion	<u>Challenging Personalities</u> <i>(Select either of first 2 videos)</i>	10 min	There are certain personalities that can inflict great damage on a small group. This session, identifies several personality types that every small group leader needs to lovingly deal with challenging personalities
	<u>Active Listening</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	3 min	Simple tips to help you learn and implement the strategy of active listening. A simple tool that can go a very long way to improving both your leadership and the quality of the discussions you lead.
	<u>Using Curriculum Well</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	2 min	Tips on understanding how to effectively use the discussion questions provided with your curriculum.
	<u>Leading Great Discussions</u>	3 min	Tips on how to lead great discussion times in your group during and beyond the formal group discussions.

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Time	<u>Great Small Group Discussions</u> <i>(Youth Specific, but great tips for everyone)</i>	14 min	Sometimes leading small group discussion with teenagers becomes a time of begging for input. This session offers a plan to trade in the awkward silence for quality discussion that will facilitate spiritual growth in your students.
	<u>The Art of Asking Good Questions</u>	18 min	Leading a small group can be intimidating, especially if you feel like you don't know how to encourage meaningful discussions. In this session you will learn a step-by-step process to asking great questions that will get your group talking on a deeper level.
	<u>Asking Great Questions</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	4 min	This teaching will give you tips and suggestions for strengthening the quality of your discussion time by giving ideas for how to take the questions in the curriculum farther through effective questioning.
Care	<u>Confrontation & Carefrontation</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	4 min	Caring for your members is a key part of coaching and shepherding them well. This teaching on the issues around care and the difference between confrontation and carefrontation.
	<u>Developing a Heart for Others in the Group</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	3 min	Teaching on how to develop a caring heart for others by strategically using the time inside the group time.
	<u>Developing a Heart for Others Outside of the Group</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	3 min	Teaching on how to develop a caring heart for others between group times.
	<u>How to Guarantee Burn Out</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	12 min	You need to lead well for the long haul. Watch this video to learn powerful tips on how to ensure that you lead well without running the risk of burning out and losing your effectiveness.
	<u>The TFH Care Manual</u> <i>(ask your coach if you need another copy)</i>	A 30 page doc	Developed by the Care Team Ministry, this document (located in the back of your Connect Leader Manual) will walk you step by step through the responses and support you need to provide your members when they encounter difficulties, crisis, bereavement, illness, or blessings such as a birth of a child.
	<u>Staying Spiritually Vibrant</u> <i>(Select the first video)</i>	5 min	Helpful ideas for how to stay healthy, growing and spiritually vibrant as you lead your group.

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Personal Leadership	Celebration of Discipline <i>(available in the TFH bookstore)</i>	Book	Fantastic book by Richard Foster that discusses the 12 Spiritual Disciplines and offers fantastic teaching and ideas for applying each discipline in our lives.
	Ordering Your Private World <i>(available in the TFH bookstore)</i>	Book	Simple and profound teaching on ensuring that the internal, private world of our thoughts, attitudes and private actions are aligned with the will of God so that our service and leadership can flow from a heart of integrity before God.