

LeaderCare Resource

Episode 11: Cultivating Safe and Caring Spaces

Defining Purpose for Community

Authentic Community:

- People grow best in the context of relationships.
- Our Lifegroups provide the space that we believe those relationships can grow best

Define the Purpose:

- Purpose will help bring structure!
- What is the purpose of your group? Can you articulate it? Can your group articulate it?
- Consider the purpose of your group and how your group is structured. Does the structure support your purpose?
- If we don't set the purpose and if it isn't communicated well, then the group will drift and others will define the purpose for you.

Discuss Expectations:

- Do we, as leaders, invite our groups to discuss and communicate expectations together?
 - **“What do you hope from this group experience?”** This question gives our group members a voice and helps to close the gap between expectations and reality of our groups and relationships.
 - People will come with different expectations and **understanding those expectations helps to set us up as leaders to foster trust!**

As you consider making these points a priority at the onset of your group / discipleship relationship, consider how incorporating these would help transform the dynamic of your group and help in the establishment of trust?

1. Establish clear purpose
2. Understanding what people expect

These two points will help you set the purpose, which will help you set the structure, which will help you establish trust.

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