



LEADING GROUPS TOWARD GROWTH

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INTRODUCTION

As leaders, we want to know if our leadership is effective. When it comes to the spiritual growth and development of others, finding clear ways to measure success can be a challenge. In this talk, we will look at how life change and spiritual growth actually happen, and the role we should play in that process.

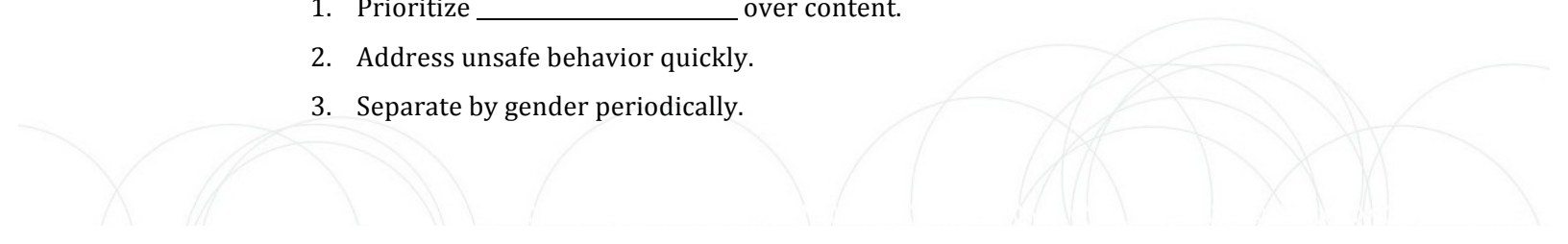
I. GOD IS ACTIVELY WORKING TO GROW OUR FAITH AND INCREASE OUR CAPACITY TO LOVE.

- A. God grows our faith through five primary catalysts.
- B. Responses to faith catalysts will _____ growth.
- C. Evidence of growth is an increased love for God and others.
- D. The rate at which people change and grow is _____.

II. OUR ROLE IS TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE PEOPLE ARE _____ AND _____ TO PURSUE GROWTH.

- A. We can create environments; only God can change hearts.
- B. Success is any movement to the right.
- C. Effective group leaders have a heightened _____ and a deep _____.
- D. Individuals are responsible for their own growth.

III. CREATING A HEALTHY GROUP ENVIRONMENT REQUIRES INTENTIONALITY ON THE PART OF THE LEADER.

- A. Healthy group environments are _____.
 - 1. Start and end on time.
 - 2. Balance the flow of the evening.
 - 3. Keep the group predictable, not _____.
 - B. Healthy group environments are _____.
 - 1. Prioritize _____ over content.
 - 2. Address unsafe behavior quickly.
 - 3. Separate by gender periodically.
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C. Healthy group environments are _____.

1. Have fun together.
2. Keep curriculum _____.
3. Celebrate small steps of growth.

D. Healthy group environments are _____.

1. Encourage participation through delegation.
2. Over time, delegate according to _____ and _____.

E. Healthy group environments are _____ challenging.

1. Don't let _____ become a substitute for _____.
2. Teach people to _____ and ask them to share about it.

CONCLUSION

As leaders, our role is to create environments where God can change lives.

