

# MULTI-GROUP LEADERS' MEETINGS AGENDA

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Overseers of multiple GOD of the WORD small groups (a multi-group program) should consider holding regular leaders' meetings. When leaders receive ongoing training and support, everyone in the study benefits. They are simple to plan and give you the opportunity to develop and hone general leadership skills, as well as discussion-leading, thus adding another layer of discipleship to your GOTW program, beyond the Bible study aspect.

Keep the meetings brief and encouraging, so leaders feel strengthened rather than burdened. They might last 30-45 minutes, or just 10-15 minutes. It's often most convenient to hold them right before your study groups begin.

**Adjust the format and timing to what works best for your situation. Simply walk through the weekly leader's notes in the Companion Guide or add some of the elements found in the sample agenda below.**

## Opening Prayer

## Devotional Thought

Read the "Leader's Encouragement" from the weekly Notes. If you have time, allow leaders to comment on its relevance to their lives in the past week.

## Co-Leader Planning

Co-leaders break out to discuss the suggested "Co-Leader Planning" from the Leader's Notes.

## Leader Training Point

Discuss the weekly "Leading Tips" in the Companion Guide. Ensure the leaders understand the heart behind it. If applicable and time allows, role play with one or more leaders demonstrating.

## Practice Leading Discussion

One leader is asked to share their opening statement and lead the group through three of the weekly Bible study questions, just as though they're leading their own group. The other leaders act as participants and share their answers.

## Feedback on Leading

The group offers constructive feedback to the leader, focusing on the opening statement, question delivery, connecting with participants, and pacing. Begin by asking the group for specific encouragement. Then, ask for one helpful tip, reminding your leaders that you all want to grow. Make sure the tone of the feedback remains positive.

## Administrative Announcements

Share updates about schedules, resources, or logistics. Remind leaders of anything they need to communicate to their own groups.

## Closing Prayer

Leaders share requests and pray for one another. The senior leader or meeting overseer includes their own request to model vulnerability and leadership in prayer.