

SMALL GROUP LEADERS HANDBOOK

HELLO GOD-BREATHED COMMUNITY!

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“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

ACTS 2:42-47

LINC VALUES /

01.

OUR WHY:

We exist to champion God-breathed living.

02.

OUR WAY:

+ Celebrate

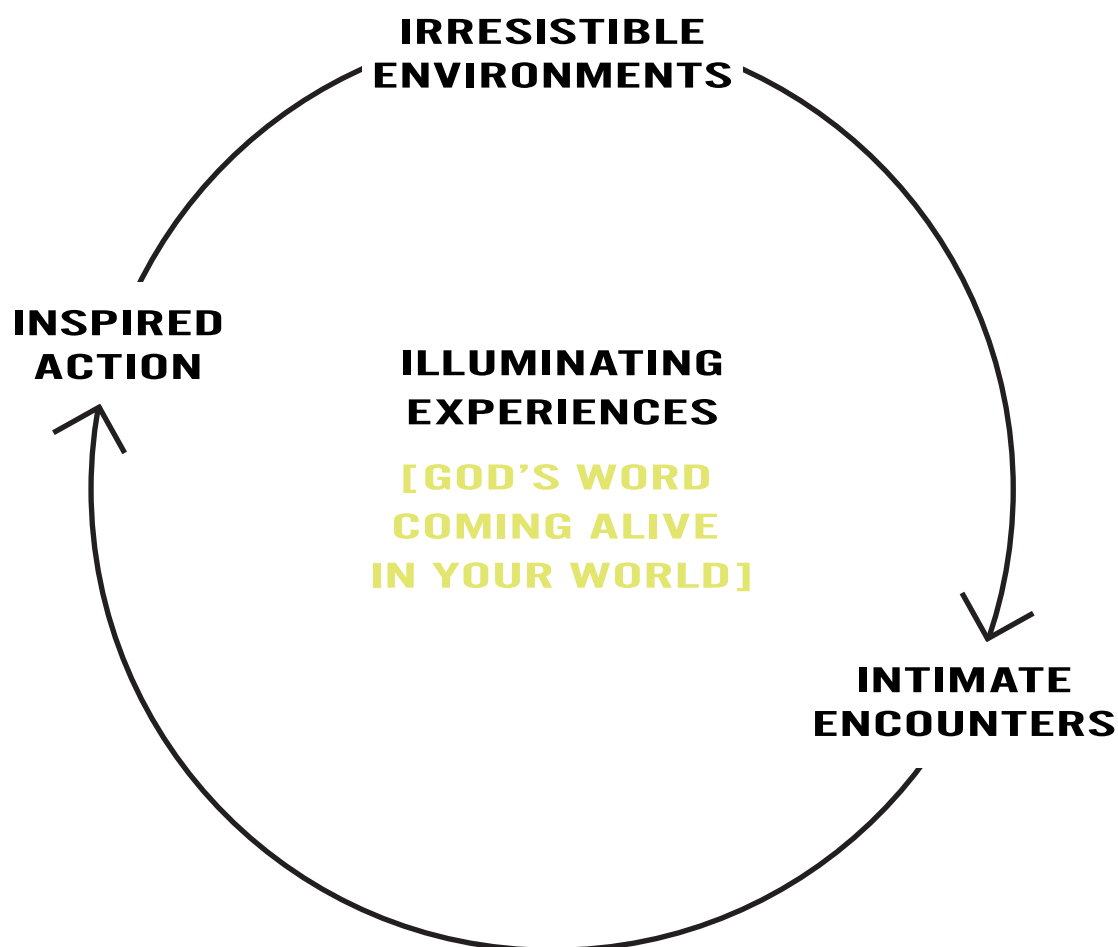
+ Centre

+ Charge

HOW WE BUILD

03.

OUR WHAT:



**OUR HEART
IS TO SEE
GOD'S WORD
COME ALIVE
IN YOUR
EVERYDAY
WORLD.**

GROUPS

**WE BELIEVE THAT SMALL GROUPS
EXIST TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER.**

**Real-life change happens in the context
of authentic community, together
around God's Word, Prayer, Communion
& Fellowship.**

**OUR GOAL ISN'T TO BE A CHURCH
WITH SMALL GROUPS, BUT A
CHURCH OF SMALL GROUPS.**

**(Groups provide opprtunities for: Bible
study, fellowship, prayer, support and
real discipleship.)**

**Leading a group doesn't have to be
intimidating or inaccessible. Simply:**

- + open your home/choose a location
(& time/day),**
- + open the word / dive into our helpful
resources to facilitate your conver-
sations,**
- + and have fun as you build community!**

GROUP LEADER

No. 01

Attendance

As group leaders, we should be engaged in our church community

(Gathering, Growth & Giving).

We ask that you make it a priority to attend:

+ Sunday Services

+ Group Leaders Training/Refresh nights: At either the beginning or end of a quarter, this special night is designed for us to celebrate all God has done in our community. It's a night filled with purpose, honour, vision & God's Word. We'll also use these nights to equip you - and new leaders - for the Small Group season ahead.

No. 02

The Church Center App

Planning Center is the primary tool we use for our Church database. Here, we can keep track of everybody's profiles & progress in the life of our church (knowing who's in a group is an important part).

You'll use the Church Center app to access & manage your group - as well as view and contact any join requests.



[DOWNLOAD THE APP](#)

EXPECTATIONS

No. 03

Commitment

As a part of the Linc family, and a leader of our house, we ask that you commit yourself to:

+ Growing in relationship, discipleship and leadership with your group (giving priority to gathering in each season).

+ Creating a safe & honouring environment for people to encounter God.

+ Accountability - allowing leaders and group mentors to hold you accountable to the values, vision & heart of Groups.

+ Assimilation - keeping the doors open to others in our church & community who need what we have.

+ Growth & multiplication - healthy communities grow. At the right time, we will seek to multiply groups by releasing new leaders and starting one or more new groups.

+ The standard of Scripture - while everyone's thoughts and opinions are valued and encouraged, we will ultimately rely on the truth of Scripture as our final authority.

No. 04

Communication

Every Group Leader will be pastored by a Group Pastor whose role is to ensure that leaders are always supported. We encourage you to build relationship, lean on them & provide regular feedback on the progress, prayer requests & testimonies of your group.

MAKING THE MOST OF THE SEASON:

Pray for your people

One of the most powerful things you can do is pray for your people consistently. We believe that, as we pray, our groups will grow and go into spaces we've never imagined before.

Create memorable moments

Following Jesus is fun - group gatherings don't have to be formulaic. Stick to the structure, but create opportunities for fun and spontaneity. Create moments and be intentional about getting to know the people in your group.

Keep in touch

Maintaining weekly contact as a group leader is important as we continue to pastor and disciple people. Making calls, sending texts, and setting aside time to connect with people outside of your regular meeting go a long way in building relationships.

Encourage spiritual growth

Part of our role as group leaders is to constantly encourage spiritual growth. We do this by modelling and bringing others along on the journey of spiritual growth - encouraging them to seek God for themselves, taking next steps in their faith journey, and getting them connected to the life of our Church!

Celebrate often

Everyone likes to be celebrated! Take time to celebrate special moments like birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, new jobs etc. As we celebrate people, we show them that they're valued.

RESOURCE

MEET THE LINC COLLECTIVE.

An online platform where you'll find a collection of resources to breathe life into your personal & group discipleship journey.

From regular blog posts to full Small Group curricula, you never have to guess your way through leading & pastoring your people. Here you'll have access to resources and studies spanning different topics, books of the bible and sermon series.



THE LINC COLLECTIVE

IMPORTANT DATES:

TERM 1

- + LEADERS' TRAINING/REFRESH NIGHT: 09 FEBRUARY
- + SMALL GROUPS SEASON: 21 FEBRUARY - 28 MARCH (6 WEEKS)
- + EQUIP - BIBLE BASICS: 09 - 30 MARCH
- + SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: 24/31 MARCH - 12 APRIL (2 WEEKS)

TERM 2

- + LEADERS' TRAINING/REFRESH NIGHT: 18 APRIL
- + SMALL GROUPS SEASON: 25 APRIL - 13 JUNE (8 WEEKS)
- + EQUIP - MARRIAGE MATTERS: 01 - 22 JUNE
- + SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: 23 JUNE - 18 JULY (5 WEEKS)

TERM 3

- + LEADERS' TRAINING/REFRESH NIGHT: 18 JULY
- + SMALL GROUPS SEASON: 25 JULY - 12 SEPTEMBER (8 WEEKS)
- + EQUIP - SPIRITUAL WHOLENESS: 07 - 28 SEPTEMBER
- + SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: 29 SEPTEMBER - 9/10 OCTOBER (3 WEEKS)

TERM 4

- + LEADERS' TRAINING/REFRESH NIGHT: 10 OCTOBER
- + SMALL GROUPS SEASON: 17 OCTOBER - 21 NOVEMBER (6 WEEKS)
- + EQUIP - WORSHIP & ENCOUNTER: 02 - 23 NOVEMBER
- + SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: DECEMBER/JANUARY

THANK YOU!

Small groups turn a crowd into a community!

Your leadership is creating an opportunity for those around you not only to encounter God but also to form authentic relationships with other people on the journey of faith.

While salvation happens in a moment, we believe that genuine and lasting life change happens in the context of relationships over time (we need each other)!

We can't thank you enough for your commitment to investing in others and building the local Church.

**We love you,
the Linc Team**

**SIGN UP TO LEAD /
UPDATE YOUR GROUP DETAILS**

