

# TheLivingRoom

## LEADERSHIP GUIDELINES

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We are a team that is building a community that will over, time and through the power of Jesus, see many lives changed. This should be an exciting journey for you, filled with opportunities to encourage, equip, and develop other leaders on one of our leadership teams. We believe that as you lead you will also grow as a follower of Christ. 'Because change lives, changed lives! As you learn more about yourself and your identity in Christ you will find yourself doing things you may have never even thought possible, so be ready to grow and be stretched.

The Living Room is not so much of a landing area for people to plant their feet, but more of a launching pad. We see our main role as discipling to the point of sending out. In order to maintain this missional mindset, we focus primarily on our community groups and areas of ministry outside of our services on Tuesday night. We find that, as leaders, it is so important for us to be connected and plugged into an active community group. This is why most leaders that serve on our team are doing most of their leading outside of Tuesday nights. This can take place at our jobs, schools, and everyday life as we see transformation by the same Gospel that transformed us. The question we like to ask is, "If there was no service on Tuesday would ministry be happening and thriving?" Our Tuesday evening service then becomes a time of sharing and encouraging one another as we do life together.

We believe that, as leaders, we should be regularly checking our Vitals and the Vitals of those we are doing life with. These vitals are:

**How are you and God doing?  
How are you doing with those who influence you?  
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Community groups, retreats, and special events provide a strong environment for people where they can experience the Vitals. Our belief is that within these groups and events there are also four key Essentials to building authentic community. They are to:

Connect  
Care  
Grow  
Celebrate

You will find that being a leader on any team means you will be leading or attending a community group, hanging out on retreats, and helping with special events. To help you in your growth as a leader we will provide leaders training and classes to help equip you. Each team also has a weekly team time before TLR to connect and grow together. These are so valuable to us. As a leader, your presence is powerful and important Tuesday night during our leaders meeting and TLR service. Because of this, please anticipate being placed on the schedule to serve around two to three times a month.

All leaders are required to complete the next available Lead Class as part of becoming part of the leadership team. By completing the Lead Class you have taken the first step in becoming a TLR leader. The second step is to set up a one to one interview with the appropriate team leader. Take some time to pray about where God wants you at this time. We ask that you make a one year commitment to serving as a leader. We understand that life events happen and that God may launch you out of TLR before that. But we do ask that you consider the cost before making this commitment.

After attending the Lead Class you may decide that the leadership team is not for you or that it is not the right time. We commend you for prayerfully considering leading and making this choice. It shows great maturity. Regardless if you lead at TLR Leader we encourage everyone to stay actively involved and connected in a local church body and in a transforming relationship with your Savior, Jesus Christ. We want people to lead where they are passionate and where God calls them. If you need help in seeking another area to lead, like a weekend service here at Worship Center or on some other team, please let us know. We want to help you get connected wherever your passion lies. Remember, TLR is a launching pad!

Below are some biblical standards laid out by Worship Center to help us be salt and light to the world around us.

## EXPECTATIONS FOR SERVING AT WORSHIP CENTER

We believe it is important for team members to be pursuing a relationship with God and living a life that pleases him. Therefore, it is the responsibility of each team member to align his/her lifestyle to God's Word. The following areas, though not all inclusive, are some that the Bible addresses:

1. Jesus gave us two great love commandments: to love God with our whole heart, mind and strength and to love others as ourselves. (Matthew 22:37-40.)
2. Loving others means we will guard the community by speaking the truth in love, not gossiping, stirring up strife or teaching false doctrine. ( Ephesians 4:16; Titus 3:9-11)
3. Because our bodies are the temple of God's Spirit, we are to present our bodies to God and live free from sinful, illegal or life controlling practices. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 5:18)
4. Sexual Purity - God desires that we walk in sexual purity in thought and practice. He created the sexual relationship to be shared only in the context of marriage. Marriage was designed by God to be a permanent commitment between one man and one woman. (Genesis 1:28; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; Matthew 19:4-6; Hebrews 13:4)

This means that the following practices are in violation of the scriptures:

- Premarital sex
- Sex with anyone other than marriage partner
- Living together as a married couple outside of marriage with someone of the opposite sex
- Homosexuality (Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:24-27)
- Pornography of any kind (Matthew 5:27-30; Ephesians 5:3-5)

The good news of the Gospel is that forgiveness and deliverance are available for all of the above (and more). Our desire is to work with people to see God's power bring complete freedom and godliness in every area of life (Luke 4:18, 19; 1 Corinthians 6: 9-11).

We are committed to helping people experience freedom, and we will do all we can to help people in their journey toward wholeness.