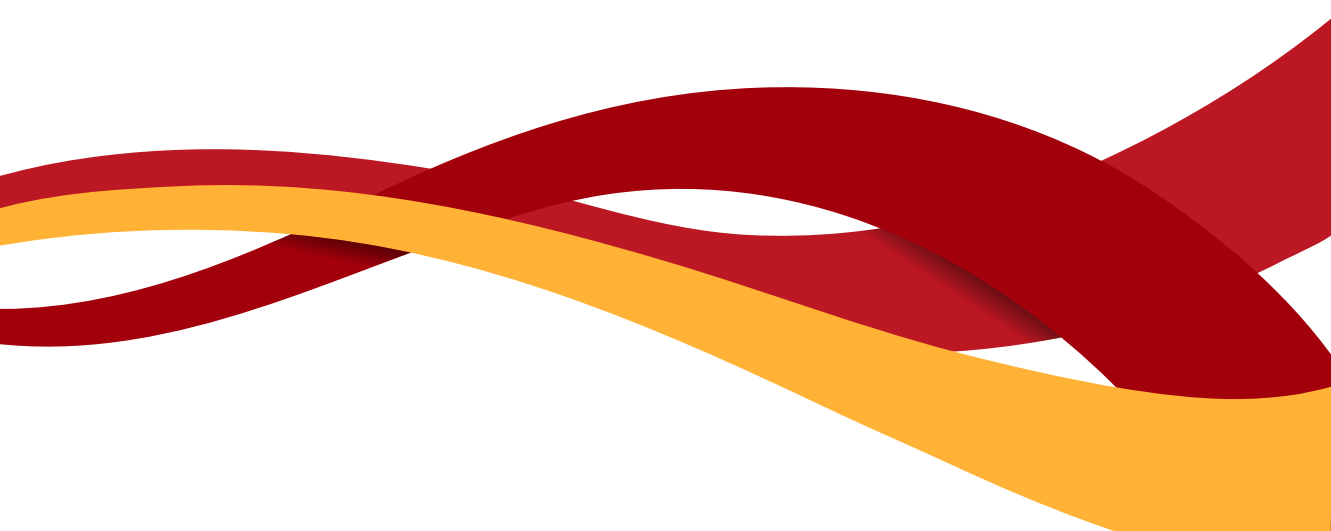




SMALL GROUP LEADER

TRAINING

November 17, 2024



 **WEST ARK**
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Why Small Groups?

**Build
Relationships**

**Study
together**

Why Small Groups?


They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42



Will small groups replace other groups?

In a word - no. Because small groups have a different purpose than other groups (care groups, serving groups, etc.), they are not a replacement for those groups but are intended to enhance all groups by building relationships.



Framework

We want to provide the basic elements of the small group while allowing you and your group to have flexibility to make it what will work for all of you.



Who?

12

Leader

12

Recruits

Seekers

12

12

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Where?



Group leader's
home

Group member's
home

Rotation
among group
members' homes

When?



Set period:
January
through
early May



**Day of the
week &
Frequency:**
up to each
group



Time of Day:
Up to each
group

5 Guidelines for Leading an Effective Small Group



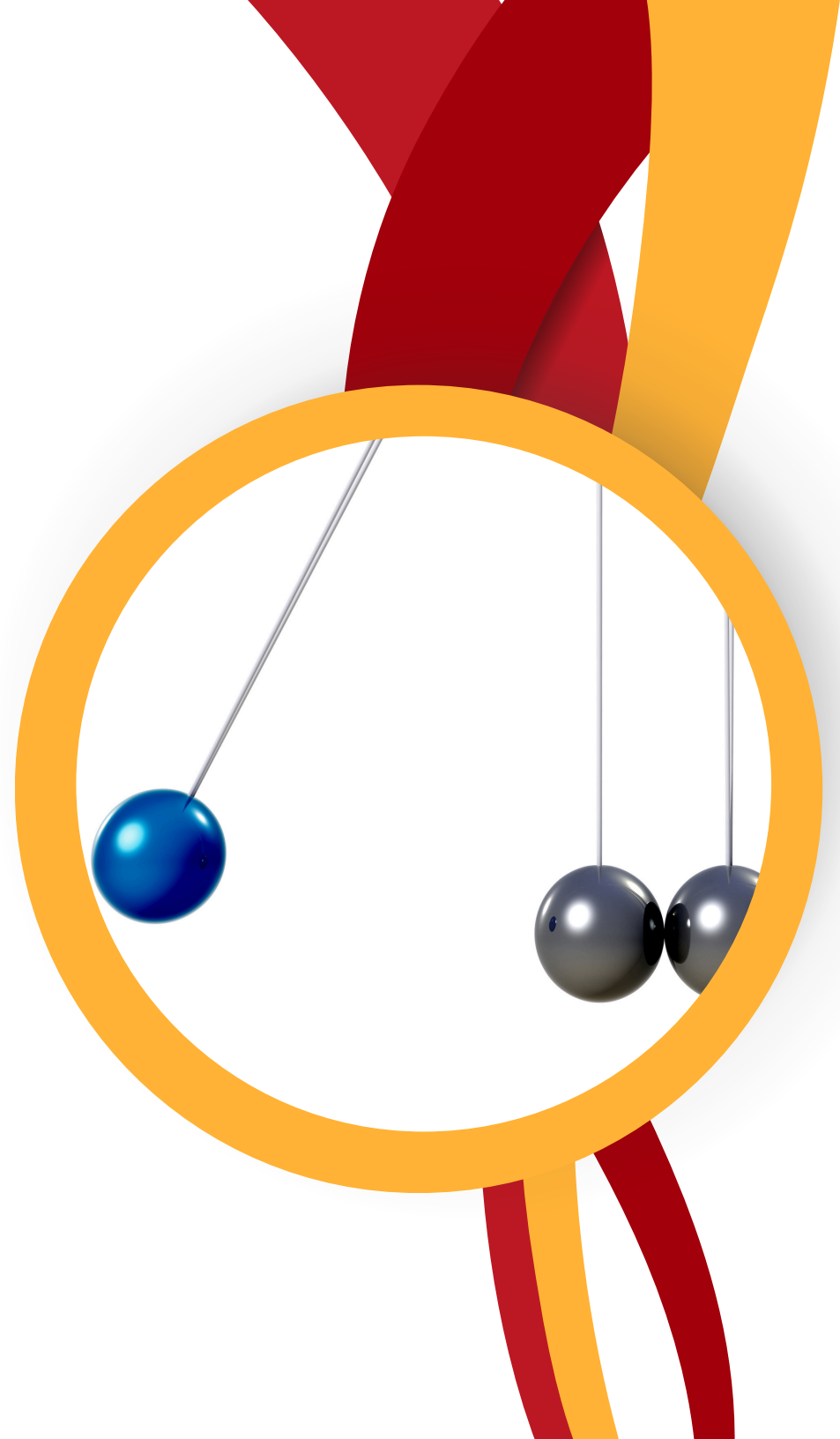
1. Environment Matters

- Lecture hall vs the couch of a friend
- Greeting
- Pets (general rule: put them up)
- Childcare



2a. Rhythms

- Different from “big church”
- Room for creativity
 - study
 - serve
 - support



2b. Select Curriculum

- **Follow-up discussion from sermon**
 - **Online resources**
 - **WestArk library resources**
- (Specific resources coming up!)**



3. Ask good questions & listen

- Open-ended
- Active listening
- What themes do you hear in responses?
- Listen, think, speak



4. Lead

- **Share the responsibilities**
 - **time keeper**
 - **prayer request notetaker**
 - **food coordinator**
- **Train your replacement**



5. Communicate

- **Decide on means of communication (email, text, GroupMe, etc.)**
- **Use them! =]**

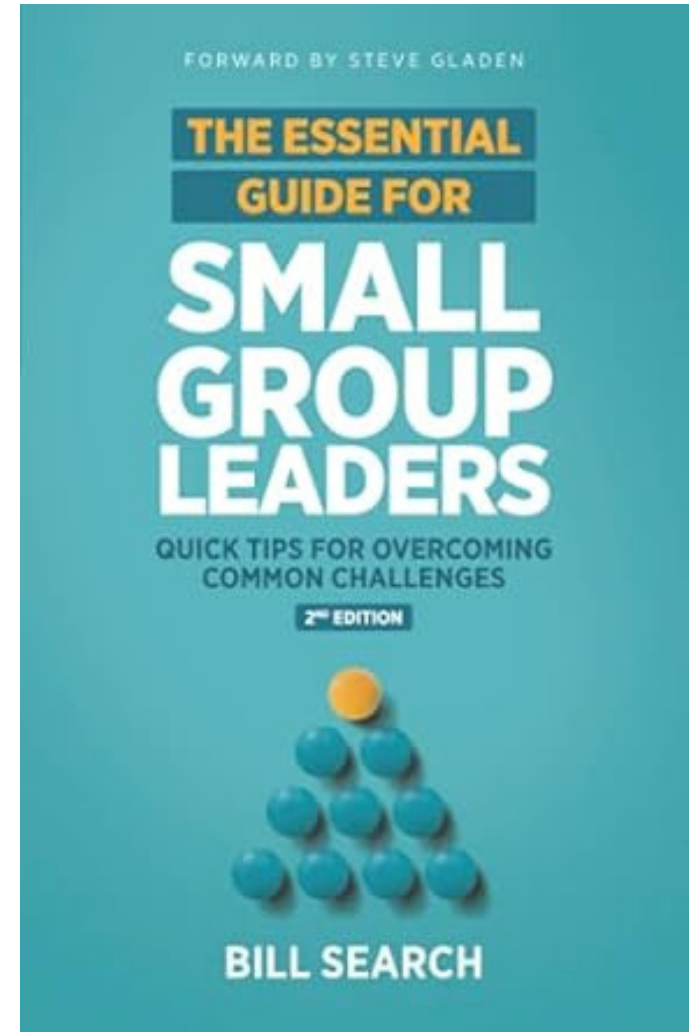


RESOURCES



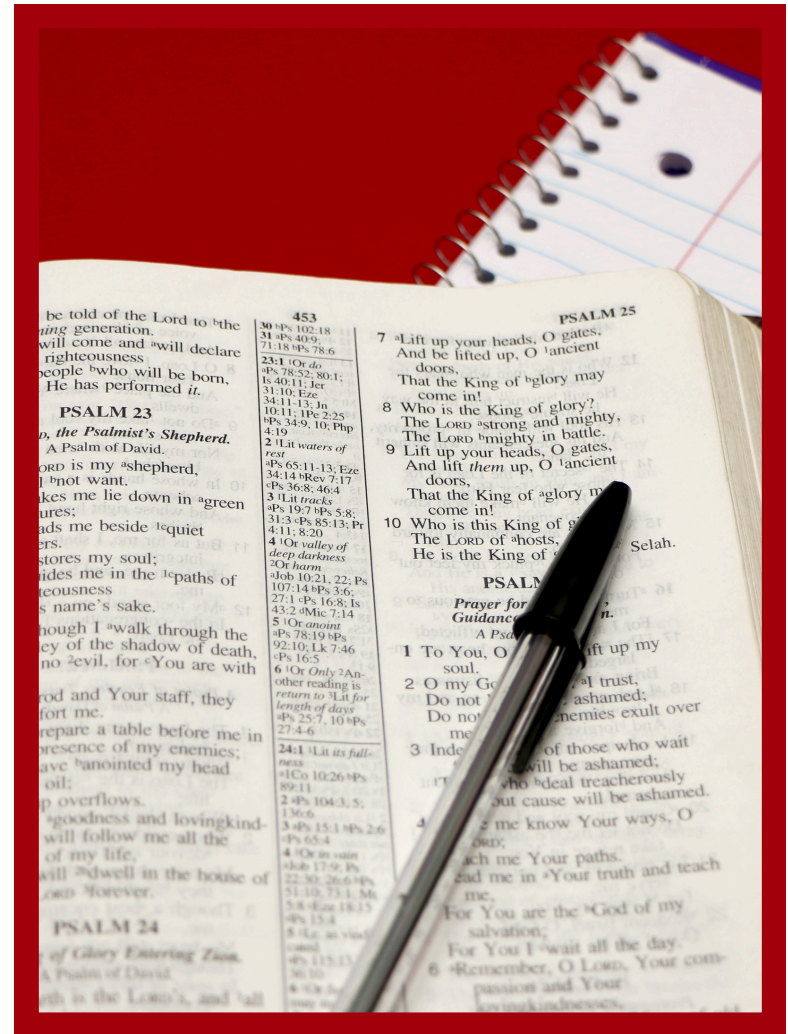
Practical help & answers to FAQs of Leaders

If you'd like a copy of the book, please email dena@westark.org



Curriculum Resources

- Bible Study Methods (Discovery, Lectio Divina, etc.)
- RightNow Media (if you don't have access, contact dena@westark.org for invite)
- WestArk Library Series



Sign-Up Helps

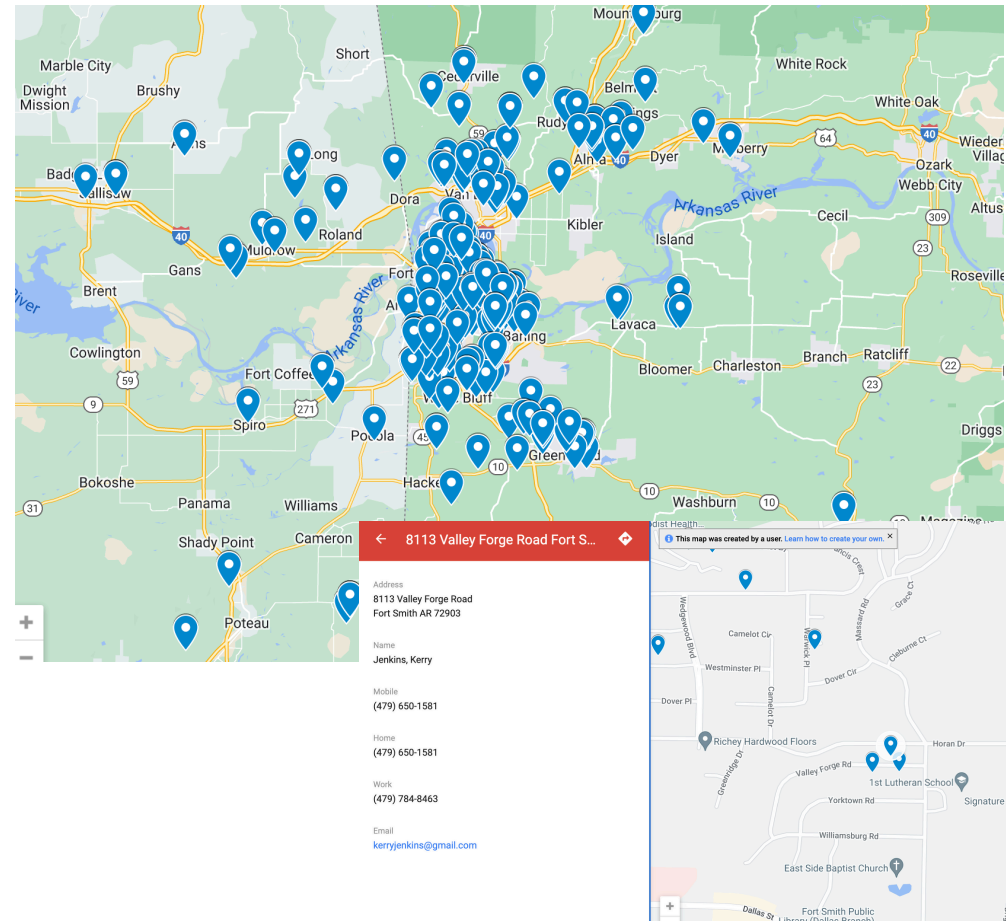
- Back to guideline #4: sharing the responsibilities is good for everyone
- CCB Group (Needs)
- [Signupgenius.com](https://signupgenius.com)

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a white rectangular sign. The sign has the text "WE NEED YOU!" written in large, bold, black capital letters. The person holding the sign is wearing a blue shirt and a dark tie. The background is blurred.

**WE NEED
YOU!**

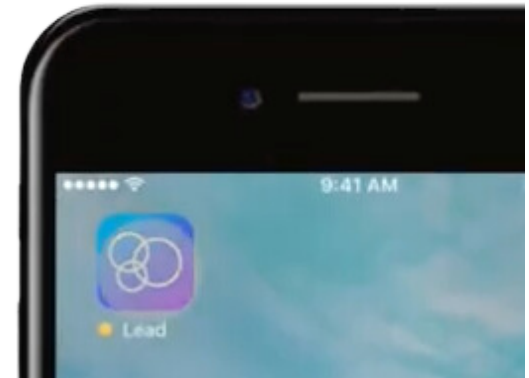
WestArk Family Map

- For those considering location-based group
- Access with [this link](#)
- Zoom in to see contact information



CCB Lead. App

- CCB (Church Community Builder) is our information hub and communication center. (If you need a log-in, contact dena@westark.org)
- The LEAD. App helps leaders communicate with and help direct their groups
- Download wherever you get apps (When prompted, use locator to find WestArk)
- Training Videos:
 - CCB Group Management (5 min)
 - CCB Groups (2:30 min)



westark.org/smallgroups

- Basics (FAQ) about small groups
- Each group with leader “card” including photo & contact information
- Link to each group’s online form
- Leader Training packet
- Plan to go live on December 1.



Group Cards

- Means by which to share each group's information clearly and succinctly
- Actual postcard-size cards
- Also on westark.org/smallgroups



Pastoral Partners

- One partner for each group leader or leader pair
- Pray for (and perhaps with) each other
- Visit at least once per month to simply check on each other and to see how they might encourage and/or equip the leader
- Follow-up with any needs/requests.





Questions?

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