



### VISION

It is important to begin each small group with the vision in mind. Our vision at Next Level Church is to lead people to become fully engaged followers of Jesus.

### PROPOSED FLOW OF GROUP

#### Logging On (5 minutes)

As people arrive, make them feel welcome and comfortable.

#### Icebreaker (10 minutes)

Before participants can really dive into meaningful discussion, we must break the ice and get people to participate with each other. Use the *Icebreakers for Virtual Groups* resource for inspiration.

#### Pastoring and Leading the Group (30 to 60 minutes)

As a reminder, we define pastoring as knowing, loving, and challenging those we lead. We lead our group toward becoming more fully engaged followers of Jesus.

Depending upon the type of group you lead, both pastoring and leading may look different in each context.

- For Life and Freedom Group Leaders, the curriculum provided will drive much of the conversation and should remain the focal point in which we pastor and lead those within our group.
- For Connect Group Leaders, find engaging ways to continue to connect with your group and begin SOAPing together.
- For Serve Team Leaders, watch online services together and discuss how you can apply the message within your personal lives using questions provided.

#### Next Steps (5 minutes)

Before your group concludes, next steps should be given to the participants, including, but not limited to:

- When your group will be meeting next
- Action steps you desire your group to take before you meet next, such as reading a chapter of a book or watching a podcast
- Points of prayer to intercede for one another

#### Close and Prayer (5 minutes)

Formally dismiss the group by receiving prayer requests and ending in prayer.