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FACILITATORS GUIDE

Meeting # 2: *Chapter 1 - Four Foundational Truths*

AGENDA: (Suggested times)

5:45 *Arrive early enough to greet folks as they arrive.*
Arrange furniture for meeting. (Everyone should be able to see the others faces.)
Find TV and video/DVD player. Cue up DVD or VHS for opening of meeting.

6:00 *Participants arrive* - introduce each person as they arrive to someone else.
If this is a new group hand out name tags, and have people sign-in on a sheet.
Encourage soft drinks, coffee, cookies or snacks.
Kids off to childcare if necessary.
Greet any new additions to group and introduce them to someone else in the group.

6:10 *Settle into group, PRAY*

The Issue Of Confidentiality (Repeat this for the first few weeks for emphasis)

This is not a support group. This is a growth opportunity. However, my hope is that you will feel free to be open about the dynamics of your various relationships, particularly with your spouse and family. This vulnerability, or authenticity will be a little scary at first if you are not used to being open in groups. However, I want to strongly exhort each of us to not share anything personal you hear in these meetings outside of our times together. Obviously you can talk to each other, but to encourage an environment for openness each time we meet it is imperative that we keep these meetings confidential.

My Role as facilitator: My hope is that the material will teach, encourage, exhort, convict, equip, and motivate. My job is to facilitate the group to get the most from the material, and learning from each other.

Your role as participant: Your role as participant is to learn, encourage, teach, equip, and training each other. Consider yourself as a co-facilitator. The more you engage the material, and others in this group, the more you will learn, grow and develop relationally. Encourage punctuality to give us the most of this opportunity

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE TONIGHT:

Biblical and relational principles are only powerful if applied by a child of God who is surrendered to the power and leading of the Holy Spirit.

6:20 *Conversation Starter – Ask the questions:*

- What is the central issue that is addressed in the book and workbook?
- Why do you think a book on relationships and conflict resolution would start out this way (4 Basic Principles)?

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- What difference does this issue make for our lives?

6:35 *Outline of Tonight's Meeting:*

Discuss overall content:

- What impacted you the most from Steps 1-4 9 (W-I-S-D)?
 - Scripture – Pick one passage that personally spoke to you and emphasize it each week. Relate it to life and the study.
 - Readings
 - Any insights from Step 4 (Response)?

6:50 Discuss Step 5. Read the questions and encourage participation by everyone.

At the end of your discussion watch the following video clip and briefly discuss:

(<http://livingontheedge.org/christian-living/why-isnt-my-christian-life-working>) Chip Ingram (About 2 minutes long).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUGFc3kuAao> – Matt Chandler on The Sin Nature (about 2 minutes)

7:45 *Have group complete Step 6 (M).*

7:56 Take time to pray for the individuals and couples in your group.

8: 00 We are done, but please stick around for a few minutes if you can and get to know someone better.

Record any significant comments, questions, prayer requests, follow-up here:

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