

# A SMALL GROUP COACH - WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

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Just like on a ball field, as a group leader you need someone who can help encourage you and cheer you on. We believe that having a coach for our group leaders is vital to the health of the group over the long haul.

*(1 Thessalonians 2:11-12)*

## **What's the time commitment?**

Your coach will be contacting you once per month throughout the year. We simply want you to take that phone call or answer that email or text. Depending on what is going on in the life of your group, these calls may only last 5 minutes.

We will gather two times per semester to be encouraged together, learn from other leaders, and remind each other why we are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ. These dates will be communicated at least 3 months prior to meeting time.

## **What's the win?**

It is crucial for your coach to know how they can best be praying for you as a group leader, know the current status of your group, and learn of any struggles you may be experiencing. Just like when we plant a garden, we want to be sure the soil is rich with the right nutrients — it is your coach's job to be sure you've got the right soil to produce growth. *(Proverbs 27:23)*

## **What if I don't want a coach?**

Every group leader needs a coach. If at any time you believe you no longer need or want a coach, you will be operating outside of the West Ridge Church guidelines for small group leaders. At that time, we may ask you to step down from leadership. Think about the value you can bring to other leaders who may not be as experienced as you are. *(Proverbs 18:1)*