

## Group Guidelines

(Begin on time & end on time. Welcome people and get to know anyone new. Share any group updates or changes.)

Our primary purpose is to do more what the Bible says, how to become more aligned with God's character, and live more as Jesus did.

I've asked \_\_\_\_\_ to read "Inward Authority Principles."

I've asked \_\_\_\_\_ to read "Sharing Experience."

### **Reading and sharing instructions**

We will be reading from a Biblical concordance study based upon one of God's character traits. Materials are located at [www.inwardauthority.com](http://www.inwardauthority.com). Visit the page, "God's Character." Our group focuses on learning how to better grow in God's character with our thoughts, choices, and actions. (Have someone available to help others access materials. Can also print out ahead of time.)

Let's keep our sharing to the material provided, personal experience, and the Bible. Please avoid getting into 3rd party materials or other's theology. We ought to share from our own spiritual experience in relation to the first commandment. Please respect the time so everyone has a chance to share. We will end reading and discussing at \_\_\_\_\_. Today we are studying the Godly character trait \_\_\_\_\_. Does everyone have it ready?

We encourage you to connect with others during the week to discuss participation with this topic. Remember to shift thoughts from fear to faith, resentment to forgiveness, selfish-ambition to humble love and service, hurry to patience, lies to truth, and anxiety to peace.

And now \_\_\_\_\_ will close with a brief prayer. (optional, focused on growth)

### **Notes for facilitator**

(The group facilitator will redirect others gently based upon needs to help keep the group focused on growing with God. Patiently remind the group as needed to keep discussions around personal experience, the Bible, and growth with God, not to give advice, not to recommend other materials, and to respect time when sharing. Invite others to connect for with each other for questions and other discussions between meetings.)