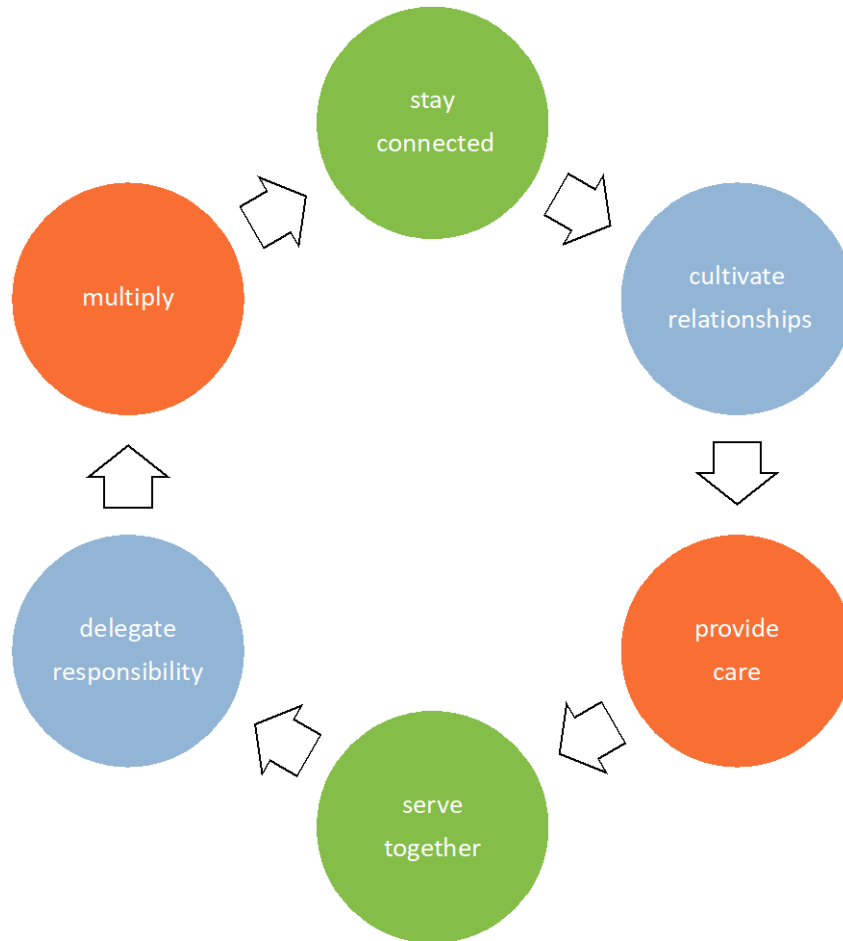


# Six Leader Essentials



## STAY CONNECTED

### HOW ARE YOU CROSSING PATHS WITH GOD CONSISTENTLY?

In John 15, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine and branches to instruct his followers to “abide” in him. Jesus promises that we will “bear much fruit” if we stay connected to him. As you facilitate discussion, point those God has entrusted to you back to this principle. If they are going to grow spiritually, they must cross paths with God consistently.

## CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIPS

### HOW ARE YOU CONNECTING PEOPLE TO EACH OTHER OUTSIDE THE REGULAR GROUP MEETING?

By facilitating connection outside of regular group meetings, you demonstrate the priority of relationships. If we only see our group members during the regular group meeting, they will not feel as though a relationship with them is a priority to us.

## **PROVIDE CARE**

### **IN WHAT WAYS ARE THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU HURTING, AND HOW ARE YOU MEETING THEIR NEEDS?**

The leadership guru John Maxwell says, “People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” Because this is true, we can’t miss an opportunity to provide care in big and small ways. Fostering a group that prioritizes caring for each other builds relational capital. This allows us to encourage others to make shifts when we notice blind spots that may be keeping them from living the life God wants for them.

## **SERVE TOGETHER**

### **IN WHAT WAYS ARE THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU PRIORITIZING SERVING OTHERS?**

Serving others means putting someone else’s needs before your own. The spiritual discipline of serving is one of the best ways to develop a heart for others like Jesus - a heart of sacrificial, agape love. Not only does serving grow us spiritually, it also strengthens the relationships within the group when done together.

## **DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITY**

### **IN WHAT WAYS CAN YOU EMPOWER THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU TO GROW IN THEIR LEADERSHIP?**

Get your group members involved. Shared participation creates broader ownership of the group and protects you from leadership burnout. When delegated work is done well, be sure to praise them publicly for a job well done.

## **REPLACE YOURSELF**

### **WHO ARE YOU POSITIONING TO MULTIPLY YOUR INFLUENCE INDIRECTLY?**

If you are a Christ follower, it is your calling to prepare others to take the next step in their spiritual journey. By passing on knowledge, skills, and opportunities, you are preparing others for future leadership thus fulfilling the Great Commission. When you replace yourself, you indirectly influence the lives of every person they influence in the future.