LEADERTIPS

(1) Lead as our Lord would lead! (See II Timothy 2:23- 26.)
(2) The leader sends notices a day or two before the meeting including the date, lesson title, time of meeting, location, and leader of the meeting.
(3) For new groups or new members, do not force the members to read. Ask for volunteers, even in prayer time.
(4) The **leader reads** the lesson title, section title, and then the section question. Next, have **volunteers** take turns reading all the Scriptures. Then have **volunteers** answer the question at the end of the section. Do the same for each section.
(5) Explain that we use any approved translation of the Bible for our text.
(6) Leaders **lead!** Talk **little!** Read **little**!
(7) Start on time. Cover the material. End on time.
(8) **A must**: Be committed to **confidentiality** in your group!
(9) Always ask for volunteers to answer the question "How did you see God working in your life this week?" at the beginning and be accountable to each other in prayer time. (**James 5:16**).
(10) Leaders leave time at the end of the meeting to ask each member how the group can pray for them and close with **each member praying for only one other member's prayer requests.**
(11) Time is short. Do not bring extra material! Do not discuss politics or make disparaging remarks about churches.
(12) **Encourage members to do the preparation** and **personalize the answers** to the questions in the lesson by using **"I"** not **"you"** in their answers.
(13) Before the meeting, do your preparation and **pray** for your group!
(14) Develop chemistry! Be yourself. Be vulnerable. Emphasize the **message**, not the messenger!
(15) Rotate leaders when appropriate, but make sure they lead under the guidance of **"Leadertips**." Do not insist on members leading that do not feel comfortable doing so.