



November 30, 2025

LEADERSHIP ESSENTIAL

Let's recap! Take a moment to reflect on each of these essentials we covered this month. Which one most shaped your leadership? What do you want to build into your weekly rhythm in 2026?

- We left people with questions. We created space for our circles to wrestle with God, trusting that unanswered questions will draw people deeper into discipleship.
- We calendared intentional connection. We used our calendars to plan simple, purposeful touchpoints outside of circle so relationships could grow.
- We debriefed with clarity. We practiced giving simple, specific, and concise feedback so we could see the bigger picture of what God is doing in us and in our circles.
- We remembered our salvation stories. Baptisms gave us a chance to reflect on who Jesus is to us, what He's done, and what He's doing in our lives today.

As a reminder, the circle semester ends on December 13.



PRO TIP

Prep for the end of the semester. As we approach the end of the circle semester on December 13, take a moment this week to plan ahead. Let your circle know when your final meeting will be, and invite everyone to mark it on their calendars. Preparing early helps set clear expectations, gives people time to reflect before the last gathering, and creates space for meaningful conversations together.

CIRCLE GUIDE & BEHIND THE CIRCLE GUIDE

DISCUSS & ENGAGE THE SCRIPTURES



In your attendance notes, debrief using these questions:

- *How did you experience God through circle this week?*
- *What were some responses to the reflection questions that stood out to you, and why?*

Access our [Bible App event](#) with Scriptures and message notes from the weekend.

1. Last week we were invited to ask, listen, and respond to God about moving toward someone on mission. Were you able to take that step? If so, how did it go?
2. Jesus freely gives grace; gratitude is our response. What is one specific way Jesus has moved toward you with grace in this season, and how have you come back to Him with gratitude?



Here are some follow-up questions that may help draw out more conversation:

- What has He healed, restored, or freed in your life recently?
- Where have you seen His kindness in ways you almost missed?

3. In the story of the ten lepers, only one returned. When you think about your own walk with Jesus, what helps you “come back” to Him and what tends to pull you away once life gets comfortable again?

 Here are some follow-up questions that may help draw out more conversation:

- What rhythms keep you close to Him?
- What distractions cause you to drift? What could you do differently?

4. Read James 1:17. We spent time during the message writing two cards of gratitude: one to Jesus and one to a person. Between now and the end of the year, what is one intentional way you want to practice returning to Jesus with gratitude, and how will you follow through?

 Here are some follow-up questions that may help draw out more conversation:

- What simple practice could help gratitude become part of your lifestyle?
- Who can you ask to hold you accountable in your practice?
- Who is one person you can intentionally thank or encourage this week?

PRAY

Jesus, help us live a lifestyle of gratitude in You.

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