

New Leader Orientation





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Mission Statement:

Inspiring people to live for Jesus

Core Values:

- Live Life Together
- Never Hold Back
- Believe the Best in Others
- Honor Yesterday, Inspire Tomorrow

8 Atmospheres:

1. Godly Atmosphere

We honor God and His Word by living with integrity.

2. Grace Atmosphere

We believe the best about people and make forgiveness a priority.

3. Gathering Atmosphere

We are a family and we do life together.

4. Growing Atmosphere

We build bigger people and teams with God's Word.

5. Generational Atmosphere

We honor those before us and inspire the ones behind us

6. Generous Atmosphere

We value others through giving.

7. Guiding Atmosphere

We model healthy values to our community.

8. Great Atmosphere

We serve God with excellence.



1. Salvation through confession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior

Acts 4:12; Romans 10:9-10; John 14:6

"Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12

2. There is only one living and true God. There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

I John 5:7

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." Matthew 28:19

3. We believe the Holy Bible to be the inspired Word of God.

II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20, 21

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." II Timothy 3:16

4. We believe Jesus Christ, conceived of the Virgin Mary, is the only begotten Son of the Father. Jesus was crucified, buried and rose from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.

Hebrews 7:25

"How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?' The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God..." Luke 1:34-35

5. We believe we are justified (declared righteous under the blood of Jesus) when we repent of our sins and believe in Jesus Christ.

Acts 13:38, 39; Romans 5:1, I Corinthians 6:11; Mark 1:5

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1

6. We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with speaking in other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance, to be the initial evidence of this experience. We believe in the operation of the nine Gifts of the Spirit and encourage our people to live so that these gifts may be manifest in their lives.

Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 19:6; I Cor. 12:4-11

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

7. We believe in the freedom of worship with every form of expression being done in decency and in order, not drawing attention to oneself. We define order in our services as following the anointing of the Holy Spirit through the pastoral leadership on the stage.

I Corinthians 14:33, 40

"For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints." I Corinthians 14:33

8. We believe in water baptism by immersion in water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

John 14:6

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." Matthew 3:11

9. We believe in divine healing for the body. However, we encourage and do not condemn medical science.

James 5:14-15

"In so much that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed everyone." Acts 5:15

10. We believe every blessing we receive from God comes through the merits of The Atonement (Jesus' complete sacrifice for us on Calvary).

Acts 1:11; Romans 5:11; James 1:16, 17

"Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11

11. We believe in the Second Coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Acts 1:10, 11; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 1:7

"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel..." Acts 1:10

12. We believe those who die outside of Christ will be punished in an eternal Hell, but those who die "in Him" shall share in His glory in Heaven forever.

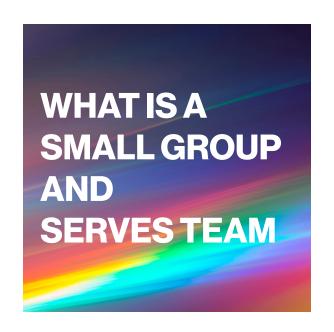
Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:46; John 5:29; Jude 1:7

"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:2

13. We believe in the sacredness of marriage between one man & one woman and family commitment. We promote strong family values.

Ephesians 5:31-33; Ephesians 6:1-4; Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 19:5; Leviticus 18:22; Genesis 2:24

"Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled; but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Hebrews 13:4



What does the Bible say about Small Groups | Serve Teams?

This may shock you but the Bible never uses the term small group or serves team. These are modern terms we have put on a Biblical expectation. It is very clear that God expects every Christian to be part of both a large and small community of Christians.

The expression of small gatherings is seen all throughout the Bible but here are some examples in the start of the church:

• /	Acts 2:40-47 –	_ people got saved in one day. The only way they could be
		Notice they met in the temple and from house
t	o house.	
	Acts 5:42 – Notice that neeting in the temple (church).	was just as much normal Christian worship as
God doe	es not spend a lot of time tell	ling us that we should be in community because He expects it.
Rather H	He uses most of scripture to	tell us how we should be,,
and	one another ir	this community.
	Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one anot	ther and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
lı Y		ounger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe d one another, because, "God opposes the proud, but shows
Υ	Galatians 5:13 You, my brothers and sisters, whe flesh; rather, serve one and	rere called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge ther humbly in love.
Т		each other and pray for each other so that you may be us person is powerful and effective.
	Galatians 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, an	d in this way you will fulfill the law <i>of</i> Christ.
	own. Small groups and serv	to live these commands out, most Christians will never do them e teams are an opportunity for you and me to become more

Small Groups | Serve Teams:

Bring to the local church and extends pastoral care. Exodus 18:12-26
Sometimes provide the only system people have. Proverbs 27:10
Create opportunities for Free Chapel to meet Titus 3:14
Are a main arm for Matthew 9:10
Become a place where relationships can be built. Titus 2:1-11
Are outlets for people called to to develop their leadership.
They are a place people can experience three very powerful and essential things:
Care for the leader and care the members. Connection with God, other members and the lost. Community for you and a way to provide community for others.
Through our FCgroups and FCserves ministries we are able to all that God has for us as a church.



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•	ership responsibility, cons o perform in a way that glo	•	• •
•	all group or serves team land of leadership. The expe		mportant things for you
Build relationships that caus	se!		
We believe the best way to o	cause growth within small g	roups is to	_,
&	others to take their	r "NextSteps" in Christ.	

We define growth in the following 4 ways:

- 1. Grow relationships with God
- 2. Grow relationships with Others
- 3. Grow relationships to the Lost
- 4. Grow relationships to Future Leaders

As a leader some of the expectations will be more natural than others. A mature group or team will begin to experience ______ these expectations on a regular basis. The key is to understand you must be intentional about moving the group or team to looking more like Christ.

TYPES	DESCRIPTION
General Groups	Groups where anyone may attend
Couples Groups	Groups that are designed for married and/or engaged couples
Men's Groups	Men's groups can either be for married men, single men or both
Women's Groups	Women's groups can either be for married women, single women or both
Singles Groups	Singles groups can be for men, women or co-ed
Special Interest Groups	Groups centered around a common interest or hobby
Restoration Groups	Groups that bring healing and restoration in specific areas of brokenness
Workplace Groups	Groups that add value to people's lives at work
Volunteer Serve Teams	Teams that serve the church during services, events and conferences
Outreach Serve Teams	Teams that serve the communities surrounding our campuses



Logistics of leading an FC Group

The place and time of the group is left up to you. We just ask that you do not meet during services.

Location

We encourage all of our groups to meet offsite or online. If you cannot meet in your home, here are some other possibilities: Host home, community center, subdivision clubhouse, park, restaurant, coffee shop, or library conference room.

Group Curriculum

Curriculum is a major pressure point for new leaders. Our goal is not for your group to study deep theology as much as we desire for it to grow deep relationally with God, other Christians and with the lost. To take the pressure off we provide small group curriculum every week based on messages preached during the weekend worship experience. The curriculum is called the Small Group FLOW. We also provide powerful video teaching so you don't have to worry about preparing a lesson. Just grab two friends, find a place to meet and you are leading a small group. We do allow outside curriculum and guest speakers. You MUST get any outside books, curriculum, handouts, videos or guest speakers approved before sharing them with the group.

Online Groups

Chat groups and audio call groups are great, however we believe that face to face video conferencing groups are best. If you are planning to use a video teaching during your group meeting, you may need to have the group watch the video prior to the slotted meeting time. This allows for varying internet speeds and avoids potential buffering issues caused by heavy internet traffic. During an online small group meeting, the leader either uses discussion questions they created from sermon FLOW or video teaching to guide the conversation.

Childcare

Childcare can be a tricky subject in small groups. Much of your vision will determine what your childcare options are. For example if you want to connect with married couples it may limit your group severely if you do not offer childcare or allow children to come. Here are plausible ways to address the issue:

- 1. Some FCgroups hire a babysitter and everyone chips in a couple of dollars. (Person must complete a background check before being allowed to work with children)
- 2. Ask everyone to provide their own childcare and not bring children to the group.
- 3. Find someone who is passionate about working with children and ask them to come and do a study with the children. (Person must complete a background check before being allowed

Logistics of leading an FC Serves team:

FCserves was founded in Psalms 110:3

"our people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness..."

FCserves is about mobilizing an army of volunteers to serve within the church and the communities in which we live because Christian character is character that serves.

While our Volunteer Serve Teams are focused on serving within the church on weekly basis, our Outreach Serve Teams are focused on serving within the communities surrounding our Free Chapel campuses twice a month. They can be centered around almost any kind of service activity or non-profit already serving the community. Almost every non-profit is looking for volunteers. All you have to do is connect them to people that have a heart for the cause they are associated.

Team Huddles

It's important to gather your tear	m prior to any serve activity for a te	am huddle. Team huddles
provide a time of	,and	for your team and for
you as the leader. They are vital	to the health of team members as	caregivers need care as well.
Whether you are leading a volur	nteer serve team or an outreach se	rve team, the huddle time flow is
the same:		

- **1. Team Devotions:** It's important to gather your team before serving and share a devotion to encourage them.
- 2. **Prayer Requests:** The bible says we are to carry each other's burdens. One of the best ways to uncover someones burden is to ask for prayer requests. Pray for the requests as a team. Matt 18:19 tells us that the power of agreement brings results. Be sure to follow up on prayer requests at future huddles and in between serve activities.
- **3. Pray for the Serve Activity:** Only the Holy Spirit can draw people to salvation and bring supernatural comfort and encouragement. It's important to remember we have an enemy that is out to steal, kill and to destroy so it's vital to undergird everything your team does in prayer.
- **4. Consistently Follow Up with Team Members**: It's important to call, text and email members of your team outside of regular serving activities. Make it a point to invite someone to coffee or share a meal together.
- **5. Schedule a Quarterly Social Gathering:** The team needs time to socialize, have fun and celebrate all that God is doing through its efforts.

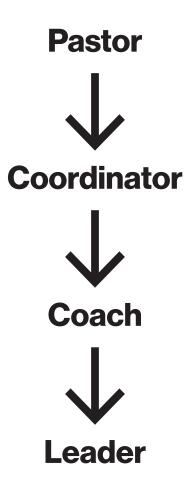


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Now that we have discussed logistics, we want to paint a picture of what a Free Chapel Leader is like. Whether you are leading a small group, outreach team or volunteer team, the characteristics remain the same.
No one is entitled to lead, however we believe that leading is the of a mature disciple. Free Chapel Leaders are conscious of God's mandate to lead, while being appreciative of the opportunity to do it under the covering and blessing of Free Chapel.
Be Helpable
There are some things that will make you a great leader and is not one of them. We are here to support you. We attempt to make every decision based on what is best for Free Chapel, you and our members. Because the leader to staff ratio is so large, we have a structure in place to help you. These coaches are here to inform, encourage, support and pray with you as you lead.
Free Chapel Leaders are,, and individuals.



Our Leadership Flow is based on the "Jethro Principle" found in Exodus 18. Jethro, Moses father, encouraged Moses to empower other leaders for the work of the ministry. This model distributes authority to provide empowerment, encouragement and support for our leaders.



8 Habits of Effective FC Leaders

The best leaders are not the most talented, but the leaders who consistently do the following:			
1.	of leading a healthy, growing, and multiplying group or team		
2.	for members consistently		
3.	new people to visit the group or team each time it meets		
4.	members regularly through phone calls, emails, texts		
5.	for the group meetings and serve team activities		
6.	an apprentice leader		
7.	fellowship activities		
8.	eto personal growth		

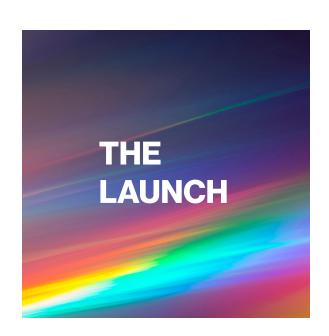


DOs

- 1. Be a praying leader Pray for the Staff of Free Chapel, pray for your members, pray for God's will to be done at your small group meetings and serve team activities.
- 2. Communication is essential. Communicate regularly with your campus coordinator. (Feedback, Reports, Changes, Testimonies, Concerns, Events, Etc.)
- 3. Complete monthly attendance reports in a timely manner.
- 4. Get ALL Curriculum approved by pastoral staff BEFORE it is discussed with your group.
 - Submit all books and teachings to the staff in person or drop them off to our attention. (It will take up to 2 weeks to receive approval.)
- 5. All guest speakers MUST be approved by pastoral staff BEFORE having them join the group or announcing them to the group.
 - Please submit their name, contact information, and any curriculum they might teach for approval. (Allow up to 2 weeks to receive approval for the guest.)
- 6. Seek to meet the needs of the group or team practically. (See "Don'ts")

DON'Ts

- 1. Take up a monetary offering of any kind.
- 2. Complain or Tolerate any Negativity or Gossip.
- 3. Misuse the Group or Team.
 - Not for business transactions.
 - Not for political agenda.
 - Not for gaining influence over people, to then start your own ministry or church.
 - Not a place to just look for a companion, date, or spouse.
 - Not for counseling sessions, etc. Refer such issues to pastoral staff.
- 4. Divert from Free Chapel's Statement of Beliefs.
- 5. Have Alcohol at any Free Chapel Function.
 - Never to serve Alcohol.
 - Never to encourage it.
 - Never allow others to order it if the group or team is at a restaurant or outing.
 - A leader must exemplify complete abstinence both publically and privately.



Coaching

Yo	u will be assigned a coach to assist you in this process. Ways to ensure a successful launch:
1.	for your upcoming meetings and future members consistently.
2.	By talking with your sphere of influence:
	A successful launch is you-plus-two.
3.	By being prepared physically & spiritually:
	 Have a to contact your potential members in the weeks leading up to the launch. If doing the FLOW/study you should not wait until the to prepare for this. (Sometimes it's better to not have the pressure of leading a lesson on the first night. Keep it simple, light, and fun) Be up.
	Have your in order.
4.	Be, not
	Intimidation, nerves, doubt, uncertainty, are all possibilities.
5.	Creativity & Experience

• Be creative and have fun! Remember, more than anything else people want to build lasting relationships and experience a sense of community whether meeting with a small group, serving in the community or volunteering within the church.



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			ut are the elements that MU growth and	
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	Grow relationships with _			
	Grow relationship to the _			
4.	Grow Relationship to			
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	nall group for example, th ation whatsoever to grou	·	ent preparing the Bible lesso	n shows no
			essary, but the most effective ding the leader – is through	-
Praye	r directly impacts the	and	of small group	os and serve teams.
How/	What can the leader pra	y for?		
•	Invite God to work in fresh	n ways in each person t	hat attends.	
•	Invite God to draw people	to Himself.		
•	Listen for instructions on	how He might want to b	oless and minister to members	i.
•	Having a vibrant group or	team depends more o	n, than the	
	Our role	is to tune in to Him.		
Gro	w Relationships w	vith Others		
A Car	ing relationship is the big	gest factor that direc	tly affects people becoming	a part of a small
	or serves team long-terr			
Lead	ersthis	first which then flow	vs to the members.	
•	= :	many visitors and con ife of the group or tean	verts, but yet, not have people	
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•	When members see the care among the members, and
•	will improve. People can experience God's presence in a powerful way, but never commit to the life of the group or team if there is not an element of caring.
Tips o	n how a leader can "grow relationships with others":
•	Praying together for each other. Social outings Parties Service projects Add a little (more) fellowship time.
Grov	w Relationships to Future Leaders
_	group or team, the leader recognizes the gifts of others, and involves in ministry.
•	Rather than showcasing their own abilities, empowering leaders the gifts of others. They often see the potential in the members before those members see it in themselves.
٠	These leaders delegate responsibilities. People want to feel needed and appreciated. By delegating responsibilities, members will feel a sense of ownership. Ther commitment level and attendance will improve. Here are a few suggestions on how to delegate responsibilities within a group or team. Ask one member to open in prayer, another to close in prayer, another to bring a scripture and a thought. For small groups you could ask different members to bring food, drinks or their favorite worship song.
-	wering leaders take time with emerging leaders, helping them grow in their relationship with and in their leadership abilities.
Empo	wering leaders realize that everyone has the to lead.

No personality type, age, gender, or educational level impacts the qualifications or
effectiveness of a leader. New Christians should even be encouraged to begin the process
to eventually become a leader. New converts usually have more unbelieving friends around
them, which will produce immediate conversion growth.

is a fundamental principle in the Bible and in God's kingdom.

- God desires Christians to reproduce other Christians, leaders to reproduce more leaders, churches to birth new churches, and small groups and serve teams to generate more life giving groups and teams.
- God's desire is to reach people! This requires more Christians, more leaders, and more small groups and serve teams.

Grow Relationships to the Lost

Comm	nunity sometimes conversion. Belonging can come before belief.
Reach	ning the lost is about groups becoming focused.
There	are five things present in a group or team that is Outward Focused:
1.	: The group or team realizes the power of reaching out together and has this goal as a central purpose.
2.	Both in their meetings and in their personal lives, members pray for their family, friends and coworkers who need God.
3.	: Members spend time with unbelievers in order to build friendships and win others to Christ.
4.	: In outward focused groups and teams, the leader <u>repeatedly reminds</u> members to invite people to services, small group gatherings, outreach activities and <u>special events.</u>
5.	: The leader's own example impacts members the most.



Multiplication

	est time to multiply a grou multiplicati	up or team is precisely the point when people are most likely on.	
•	The more wonderful the exp	perience, the harder it is for the members to embrace	
	ave seen that the most effe 	ective way to multiply groups and teams is by multiplying	
The 1	st goal is to	the group or team.	
•	Identify a potential leader tha	at can take over.	
The 2	nd goal is to	_ the group or team.	
•	Look for another group or te	eam the transitioning members can join.	
The 3	ord goal is to	_the group or team properly.	
Only if the goals 1 and 2 are not possible. • Encourage the current members to get reconnected			

Prevent any negativity that could occur during that meeting.

Request patoral advice/assistance.



Important Information

If a situation arises that is a crisis there are several things you should do: If it is a physical emergency, dial 911. Follow up by calling Free Chapel and notifying Pastoral staff, especially if you or a member of your group or team experiences any type of crisis, accident, tragedy or death in the family.

There are 4 situations that you are required to report by law IMMEDIATELY. Please contact us and we will contact the appropriate authorities. It is best to let the individual(s) involved know that by law you must report information and therefore are contacting the church.

You must report information if:

- Child mistreatment is taking place.
 (IMMEDIATELY EVEN IF IT'S 3AM.)
- 2. A person informs you that they have a plan to harm themselves or commit suicide.
- 3. A person made a threat against another person.
- 4. An elderly person is being mistreated.

You Are Ready

If God has called you to this, He will bless it and use it to grow you and anyone who commits themselves to your leadership. Satan will try to convince you otherwise. Some of the biggest attacks satan will throw your way will be because of your decision to step out and lead within the Body of Christ. Don't listen to him – Listen to God.



Message Notes Acres of Diamonds Part 3 How Diamonds are Made Jentezen Franklin

Key Scripture:

Genesis 50::18-20; Luke 11:13

Summary:

Diamonds are just lumps of coal that have been transported from deep in the earth to the surface. Fire, heat, and the difficult situations of life bring about the transformation needed to transform you from who you were to a diamond in the hands of the Lord. Tough times will come but God is with you in the fire and He will take the fiery darts of the enemy and use those to build your character and transport you to your place of destiny. But remember this: Not every gift from God will look like a gift at first sight. Sometimes, God's greatest gifts come in strangely wrapped packages.

Key Points:

- Sometimes, God's greatest gifts come in strangely wrapped packages. God answers
 our prayers but you may not recognize the gift at first sight. Don't reject the gifts God
 gives you.
- 2. **God still gives gifts today**. God didn't just give gifts back way back then---He still gives His greatest gifts today.
- God will give you what you ask for. But it may not always look like the picture in your head.
- 4. Pain and low places will give you an unusual sensitivity to those that have been marginalized by the world. Loneliness and isolation causes you to see people you have never seen before---people you will feel compelled to encourage.
- 5. **Praise has to speak up when you find yourself in a pit**. When you are in the pit, sometimes the only thing that will protect you is praise and worship.
- When you get to that place of destiny, God will use what was sent to hurt you to
 elevate and promote you. What Satan meant for your demise the Lord will use for your
 good.
- 7. **It's all about how the story ends---not just the difficult beginning.** Trials may appear to be only evil---but your trials carry the gifts God has for you over the long haul. Many times, the greatest trials of your life bring your greatest gifts.
- 8. Your heavenly Father has not forgotten the promise He made you. God is faithful and will do as He promised, but it may look different. Don't reject the gift the Father has given you just because it doesn't look like the picture you had in your head.

Final Thoughts:

Everything God has promised you He will bring to pass. He will take all you have gone through to make you the person you will need to be to receive that gift. Thank Him for the mountains and the valleys and the problems you have had because without them you would never know what faith in His Word could do. Through it all, you will learn to trust in Jesus and trust in God. Through it all, you must learn to depend upon His Word.

Fill-In-The-Blank Answers

What is a Small Group or Serves Team Pages 11-12

3000, houses community

loving, forgiving, treating

intentional
stability
support
urgent needs
evangelism
mentoring
ministry

care, connection community reap

Expectations Page 14

Responsibility
Empowerment
Accountability
Performance
growth
engage
equip

empower

all

Team Huddles Page 18

care, connection community

The Free Chapel Leader

Page 20

oxygen pride coaching

teachable, helpable, submitted,

passionate

Leadership Flow Page 23

Dream
Pray
Invite
Contact
Prepare
Mentor
Plan
Committed

The Launch Page 28

Pray plan last minute prayed house

Leading FCgroups and FCserve Teams Pages 30-32

conversion, membership multiplication

encouraged, stressed

God Others Lost

Future Leaders effectiveness growth God, leader model connected

commitment, consistency

precedes outward

Leading FCgroups and FCserve Teams cont'd Pages 30-32

Intention
Intercession
Investment
Invitation
Imitation
focused
praying
Party
flow

counterproductive empowering activate potential Multiplication

resist new leaders

Multiplying, Transitioning or Closing Your Group or Team Page 34

preserve move close