



CIRCLE GUIDE

Important: Don't feel like you have to use everything included in this document, but use what applies to your situation and Circle circumstances to inspire your creativity, leadership, and growth in Christlikeness.

SUGGESTED CREATIVE & LITURGICAL IDEAS

This section includes some helpful ideas to equip you to lead creatively and brainstorm some ideas that can shape and form your group in truth, affection and mission.

Priestly: Prayer/Worship/Communion	Prophet: Teaching/Aids/Visual/Discussion	Kingly: Planning/Mission/Strategy/Projects

LAYOUT & IDEAS FOR CIRCLE

IN THIS BOX INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE TOPIC(S) THAT YOU MAY WANT TO COVER OR INCLUDE IN YOUR CIRCLE TO HELP DIRECT AND DEEPEN THE LITURGY (SHAPE AND RHYTHM) OF THE LORD'S MEAL AND THE SYMPOSIUM DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW

IN THIS BOX LIST SOME THOUGHT PROVOKING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS OR THOUGHTS THAT CAN HELP GUIDE DISCUSSION FOR CIRCLE LEADERS IN SYMPOSIUM PORTION OF THE CIRCLE

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BIG IDEAS

INCLUDE THE "BIG IDEAS" OFFERED IN YOUR TEACHING TO GIVE CIRCLE FASCILLITATORS A GENERAL PICTURE OF MAJOR THEMES TO DISCUSS IN ORDER TO KEEP DISCUSSIONS & OTHER THINGS FOCUSED AND PURPOSEFUL.

SUGGESTED SUPPORTIVE SCRIPTURES

HELPFUL LINKS | (Videos/Teaching Aids/Readers/Books)

SUGGESTED CIRCLE FORMATS

The **Upload** format emphasizes a prophety-type focus in your circle—gospel, discipleship. For a healthy **Circle** to grow, a balance of training in **character, truth** and **Christlikeness** should exist. This UPLOAD format places emphasis on growing together in the truths and teachings of the gospel of Christ.

The **Uplift** format emphasizes a priestly-type focus in your circle—community and fellowship. For a healthy **Circle** to grow, emphasis should be placed on nurturing the **soul**, the **relationships**, the **affections**, and the **spiritual health** of those in the circle. The UPLIFT format can allow a circle meeting to pastor those involved, and allow for the Holy Spirit to bring comfort, counsel, reconciliation, conviction, and healing.

The **Uptown** format emphasizes a kingly-type focus in your circle—evangelistic/ministry/admin. For a healthy **Circle** to grow, emphasis should be placed on **order, outreach**, and tangibly **servng** the fatherless, the widow and the orphan. The UPTOWN format enables those in the circle to consider how their group can serve the surrounding neighborhoods and city; and how they can use their time, talent and treasure, to show the Father’s love to a broken world in need of love and salvation.

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40 min. Supper	1hr. Supper
40 min. Teaching/Didache/Kerygma	20min. Teaching/Didache/Kerygma
40 min. Sharing/Discussion on teachings	40min. Sharing/Discussion on teachings

Uplift

40 min. Supper
10 min. Devotion
50 min. Singing/Creative Offerings
30 min. Praying/Sharing needs

Uplift

1hr. Supper
10 min. Devotion
30 min. Singing/Creative Offerings
40 min. Praying/Sharing needs

Uptown

40 min. Supper
20 min. Teaching/Didache/Kerygma
20 min. Prayer for the City
40 min. Strategic Planning in how to offer time, talents, and treasures of the group to serve the city.

Uptown

Community Mission

Uptown

30 min. Supper
1hr. Intercession
30 min. Singing/
Creative Offering

INVOLVING KIDS IDEAS | (Videos/Teaching Aids/Links/Ideas)

Anything that happens creatively, devotionally, or compassionately, can involve children and families so families are encouraged to learn together at their various levels and grow together.
