



WEEK 5 HOST GUIDE

Availability over Ability

Willing Hearts. Faithful Action.

A 6-week biblical leadership small group experience designed to help people grow in faith, find breakthrough, and step into the leadership God created them for.

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Week 5 Overview

Theme: Availability over Ability

Core idea: God is not looking for people who have all the answers. He is looking for willing hearts who will say yes.

Opening Focus

This week helps the group move from simply learning biblical leadership to living it out through simple acts of love, prayer, encouragement, and obedience.

Host Flexibility Note

This outline is designed for discussion. Feel free to shorten sections based on group size, engagement, and meeting format. The most important part of the program is helping people share, reflect, and take a practical step of faith.

Host Introduction

Over the last few weeks, we have talked about forgiveness, identity, vision, faith, and the pattern of following before leading. This week is about availability over ability.

Biblical leadership is not limited to people who feel qualified, gifted, or confident. It often begins when ordinary people become available to love, serve, pray, encourage, and show up for others.

Session Flow

- 1 Welcome the group and ask for any wins or breakthroughs from last week.
- 2 Introduce the theme: availability over ability.
- 3 Read and reflect on the key scriptures.
- 4 Share or play the video stories from Tracy and Mark.
- 5 Guide discussion around showing God's love in practical ways.
- 6 Introduce the weekly challenge: pray with someone in the moment.
- 7 Close with prayer requests and prayer.

Core Teaching

Key Scriptures

James 1:22

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine before others.

1 Peter 3:15

Always be prepared to give the reason for your hope.

Teaching Focus

Biblical leadership is not only about what we know. It is about how we live, love, serve, and respond when God places someone in front of us.

Availability means we are willing to notice people, stop for people, pray with people, encourage people, and trust God with the results.

Big Idea

Our responsibility is simply to say yes. God's responsibility is everything that comes after.

Leadership Connection

Leadership is not always standing on a stage. Sometimes it is sitting beside one hurting person.

This week is about learning to act when God prompts us, even when we feel inadequate or unsure of what to say.

Video Story: Tracy

One of the greatest lessons I have learned about biblical leadership is that God is not looking for us to have all the answers. He is looking for willing hearts.

Mark and I serve in the Care Ministry at our church, and I was asked to minister to a young woman who had lost her baby during a late-term pregnancy. At 27 weeks, she had to undergo an emergency C-section. Her baby girl was born critically ill and could not be saved. This sweet mama had only a few precious minutes to hold her daughter before she passed away.

As a mother and grandmother, it was almost unimaginable for me. My own daughter had recently given birth to a beautiful baby girl who was only four months old. All I could think was, "What if that had been my daughter?"

When I received the call asking me to walk alongside this young woman, my immediate response to God was, "Lord, I do not think I can do this."

But God quietly impressed on my heart to simply say yes.

About a month before the first anniversary of her daughter's birth and passing, we began meeting together. She was heartbroken, overwhelmed, and searching for answers. She had been a believer most of her life and had leaned on her faith through the tragedy. Yet she and her husband desperately wanted another child, and month after month, nothing happened.

Video Story Continued

Tracy

Eventually, they sought help from fertility specialists. Two different doctors told them her fallopian tubes were blocked and that IVF was the only possible way she could become pregnant.

The news devastated her.

She became angry with God. Our conversations grew increasingly difficult because she did not want to hear about hope or God's promises. She questioned why God would allow this to happen after she had tried so hard to live faithfully. She could not understand why the deepest desire of her heart - to become a mother again - seemed impossible.

At one point, she even spoke about taking her own life.

For weeks we met in that dark place. There were many times I left feeling completely helpless. I often told Mark, "I do not know what to say. I do not feel equipped for this."

Then one day everything changed. With tears streaming down her face, she looked at me and said, "I am five weeks pregnant."

I immediately began to cry. We both sat there praising God because we knew this was something only He could do. While she had been grieving, questioning, and struggling to hold on to hope after hearing the doctors' reports, God had already been at work. She was already carrying the miracle she had prayed for.

Availability in Action

Tracy

Looking back, I realize my own fear almost kept me from witnessing one of the most beautiful miracles I have ever experienced.

There were many meetings where I had no perfect words. I could not fix her pain. I could not answer all of her questions. All I could do was show up, listen, pray, and be present.

And that was enough because God did what only God can do.

That experience taught me a lasting lesson about biblical leadership. God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the willing. When we step out in obedience, even when we feel inadequate, He provides the wisdom, the comfort, and the words we need in the moment.

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Host Reflection

This story reminds us that being available does not mean we always know what to say. Sometimes the most powerful thing we can do is show up, listen, pray, and trust God with the results.

Video Story: Mark

Years ago, I was serving in a very large megachurch in the Prayer Partner ministry. There was an elderly man who was always in the same spot in a wheelchair. One Sunday, I felt the Holy Spirit nudging me to ask him if he wanted prayer, since I had never seen him go forward for prayer.

He said yes, and I asked him what he would like prayer for. He told me his legs. He had no muscle and had not been able to stand or walk in years.

I prayed for his legs to have strength in the name of Jesus and asked him to stand. He replied, "I just told you I have no muscle and cannot stand."

I am not sure what got into me, but I looked at him and said, "We are going to pray one more time, and then I want you to trust God and try to stand."

Five minutes later, this man was still standing and praising. The reason I tell you this story is because I believe he had prayed for strength many times, but he still just sat there.

I know personally that I have found myself praying for God to move while I just kept sitting. In the parable of the feeding of the 5,000, they had to start passing out the five loaves and two fish before there was enough. The woman with the issue of blood had been going to doctors for 12 years, but she had to fight through the crowd to be healed.

Faith that Moves

Mark

My first time praying with someone happened while my daughter was in surgery recovery after getting tubes in her ears. I noticed a little girl with something wrong with her face. I walked over and prayed. I was very nervous, but I was blessed for getting out of my comfort zone.

If there is anything robbing your peace, living out your faith means relying on the Word or Scripture to bring peace in the middle of chaos. Today, you can go online and search for Scripture to apply to your situation. Living out your faith sometimes requires you to minister to yourself and your family, and sometimes to others.

In my lowest times, when I am seeking God, if I will witness hope to others, I always find hope.

Leadership Connection

Biblical leaders:

- Notice people.
- Stop for people.
- Pray with people.
- Encourage people.
- Trust God with the results.

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Living What We Believe

Why People Think Christians Are Hypocrites

Not because Christians are imperfect. Everyone is imperfect.

It is because many people have experienced Christians who:

- Talk more than they love.
- Judge more than they listen.
- Preach more than they serve.

Jesus was exactly the opposite.

- He loved first.
- He served first.
- He listened first.
- Then He spoke truth.

That is biblical leadership. It is not about us. It is about who we are following, even in our imperfect ways.

The Weekly Challenge

This week: What is one simple way you can show God's love to someone?

If someone shares a burden, challenge yourself to say:

Can I pray for you right now?

Then do it. Even if it is only thirty seconds.

Discussion Questions

The host can use some of these questions or use their own. Depending on the size of the group, you may only get through 2 or 3 questions.

Warm-up

Have you ever had someone unexpectedly encourage you?

Question 1

Why do you think we sometimes hesitate to act when we feel God prompting us?

Question 2

What keeps people from praying with someone immediately instead of saying, "I will pray for you later"?

Question 3

Can you think of a time someone demonstrated God's love through a simple act of kindness?

Weekly Challenge

What is one simple way you can show God's love to someone this week?

Closing Thought

Our responsibility is simply to say yes. God's responsibility is everything that comes after.

Prayer Requests

Ask for prayer requests and close in prayer.

Facilitator Quick Reference

Use this page as a simple guide while leading the session.

Big Idea

God is not looking for people who have all the answers. He is looking for willing hearts. Biblical leadership begins when we say yes and trust God with what comes next.

Remember to:

- Keep the focus on practical obedience, not pressure or performance.
- Remind the group that availability matters more than feeling fully equipped.
- Encourage people to notice, stop, pray, and serve in simple ways.
- Help the group connect faith to a specific action this week.
- Create a safe place for people to share honestly.
- Close with hope, prayer, and expectation for what God can do through willing people.

Suggested Closing Words

Tonight, we talked about availability over ability. My encouragement is that we do not wait until we feel fully qualified before we obey God. This week, let us ask God to help us notice people, encourage people, pray with people, and show His love in a simple, practical way. Our responsibility is simply to say yes. God's responsibility is everything that comes after.