

## CedarCreek Mission Group Leader

*\*All items related specifically to Mission Groups are italicized.*

**Mission:** CedarCreek exists to introduce people to Jesus and the life-changing adventure with him.

**Vision:** To create communities where everyone knows that they matter.

**Strategy:** We help people know they matter and experience life change through sharing the spiritual journey and taking next steps. The primary ways we offer a next step:

- Know God - Weekend Services
- Find Freedom – Groups
- Discover Purpose – GrowthTrack
- Make a Difference - DreamTeam

### GROUPS GUIDING SCRIPTURE

James 5:16, “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

### Groups Leaders Guiding Scripture

Proverbs 27:23, “Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds;”

### OUR TEAM ROLE:

The way the Groups Team makes a difference is by providing a safe place for people to take off the mask and share honestly with God and with others. Groups leader provide care, encouragement and support for those God has entrusted to them so that they each take a steps towards Finding Freedom through Groups.

The primary goal for every person involved in a Group, member or leader, is to move one step on the spiritual journey. Specifically through:

- Bringing people together
- Providing ESPN, both during Group time but also in one-one-one conversations.
- Guiding people to understand where they are on the spiritual journey and the next step they can take.
- Communicate regularly, consistently and in life-giving ways.

*A Mission Group Leader is unique in that they are responsible for recruiting, training, and leading a CedarCreek Mission Team. Once a team embarks on a trip, they are also the primary liaison between the mission team and the local host team. The Mission Team Lead inspires the team to be servant-minded as they help their local host introduce people to Jesus and the life-changing adventure with Him in a way that honors God and the local culture.*

### HOW DO WE DO THIS:

We let the G.U.E.S.T. principles guide every opportunity and interaction:

- God's Heart – we want everyone to know they matter to God and to us.
- Upbeat – we are fun, positive people who are enthusiastic and expectant about God will do next.
- Excellence – our attention to detail shows we care.
- Seize Wow Opportunities – we want to make experiences memorable, special and something they can't wait to share with others.

- Take a Next Step – we are looking for an opportunity to help those around us take a next step.

*Responsibilities unique to the Mission Group Leaders:*

*Recruit, train, and lead the CedarCreek Mission Team*

- *Recruit team members and graciously accept members of your mission team however they find their way onto your team, knowing that Central Outreach is available to assist when challenges arise.*
- *Guide your team through all elements of preparation for the trip (support raising, understanding the culture, evangelism, packing, etc.) using curriculum provided by Central Outreach*
- *Train your team to serve together in a foreign country and be ambassadors of CedarCreek Church to the Global Kingdom.*
- *Foster a healthy team culture that is inclusive of all team members and transcends the mission trip experience.*
- *Lead your team spiritually throughout the training process and by providing daily devotions and prayers during the trip.*

*Serve as liaison between CedarCreek and the local host once you embark on the trip:*

- *Have a clear understanding of your destination and their local customs and culture, and model appropriate respect of that culture.*
- *Be the on site liaison between CedarCreek and the local church throughout the trip.*
- *Working with your local host to maintain a safe and healthy work environment at all times*
- *Gather information from the trip to report back to Outreach Central (photographs, videos, data related to measurements, etc.)*

## **SCHEDULE**

- *As a leader, your schedule is the same as the semester schedule. (Your Mission Group timing may vary, depending on the timing of your trip.)*
- *Groups Kick-Offs happen once in fall and once in winter and then each HUB meets as needed throughout semester.*
- *Your weekly schedule is leading a Group once a week, then as determined in order to best address the needs of your Group members throughout the semester.*
- *The semester schedules are:*
  - *Winter/Spring – 13 Weeks (Jan-May)*
  - *Summer – 6 weeks (Jun-Jul)*
  - *Fall – 13 weeks (Sep-Dec)*
- *If you are leading a trip in the fall, your Group will meet during Winter/Spring semester. If you are leading a trip in spring or summer, your Group will meet during Fall semester.*

## **TEAM RESULTS**

- *Guests move one step on the spiritual journey.*
- *Guests are shown how much they matter to God and how much they matter to us*

*As a Mission Group Leader, you will also work with Central Outreach to track:*

- *People served*
- *People serving (8-20 on the mission team)*
- *Hours served*
- *Dollars invested (trip funds used in conjunction with the local church we serve)*

- *Steps taken on the Spiritual Journey via outreach initiatives (by team members and people the team serves)*
- *Life change stories*
- *Relationships with the local hosts maintained or improved during the course of the trip*