ALM Small Group Leadership 24-25

Date & Time	Session Plan
Tuesday 24.9.24 7.15 – 9.15pm Bamber Bridge Methodist Church	**The Leader's Identity & Role** • Being a shepherd • Small group leader roles: visionary, gatherer, discussion facilitator, logistics coordinator, intercessor, spiritual guide/teacher, peacemaker. • Knowing your strengths and weaknesses • The ongoing importance of commitment and invitation
Tuesday 1.10.24 7.15 – 9.15pm Bamber Bridge Methodist Church	**The Small Group's Identity** • The 'why' of small group ministry • Acts 2:42-27 – example to emulate or principles to apply? • The 'one-anothers': a study of Christian relationships in Scripture. • Group development stages: understanding where we are and where we are going
Tuesday 8.10.24 7.15 – 9.15pm Bamber Bridge Methodist Church	**Important Ingredients of a Small Group** • Purpose. Structure. Hospitality. Study. Prayer. Logistics • Engaging conversation and the skills of asking great questions • Phases of learning and flourishing in a group. • Starting to lead a small group check list.
Tuesday 15.10.24 7.15 – 9.15pm Bamber Bridge Methodist Church	**Managing Group Dynamics** • The necessity and value of conflict • Peacekeeping vs. peace-making • Leading challenging people • Guarding your flock.
Tuesday 29.10.24 7.15-9.15pm Bamber Bridge Methodist Church	**Leading a Bible Study** This session will follow a slightly different pattern to previous sessions. We will take part in a group Bible study to enable us to consider – • How to prepare? • How to facilitate scriptural engagement? • How to lead and support prayer in your group? • What resources are available?
Saturday 2.11.24 10am – 12.30pm Melrose Room, St. Cuthbert's Fulwood	**Self-care and sustaining leaders** • 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 – an example of community contributions • Small group leader's toolkit – delegation, developing leaders, boundaries • Selfcare for lay leaders • Recognising and cultivating the condition of the soil of our lives • Future hopes and present realities.