

Guidelines

Time

Every effort will be made to start and end on time. The class will begin promptly at 6:45 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. Please make every effort to be on time so that we may be able to experience the full impact that the discovery group offers.

Attendance

Each participant's attendance is very important and participation is vital to the effectiveness of the discovery group sessions. Your absence affects the dynamics of the group, therefore, your attendance for the next nine (9) weeks should be considered high priority. You are allowed one excused absence for emergencies only. If there is a second absence, you can no longer participate in the discovery group and you will not be able to graduate and receive your Certificate of Completion. Please call 718-290-2246 and leave a message for your facilitator if you are unable to attend a session at your earliest convenience.

Participation

It is very important to participate in the group discussions. This will make your group time more meaningful for you and everyone else when you share your thoughts, experiences and feelings. We will all benefit from one another, so do not deprive others of your valuable input.

Communication with each other

Don't try to "fix" anyone else.
Use "I" statements, not "you" statements.

Homework

The homework assignments are essential to ensure the full effect of the discovery group lessons, and to assist you in your daily walk with Jesus Christ. Whatever seems impossible with man is possible with God. Keep in mind that each daily assignment will require at least 30 minutes – 1 hour. You must hand in your homework sheet every week when you come to the class.

Graduation

To receive your Graduation Certificate, a one-page essay is required by Lesson #8. Please submit a hard copy to your facilitator and email the essay as well to betransformed@brooklyntab.org.

Confidentiality

We all need to feel comfortable to express ourselves openly without the fear of being discussed later, even by other group members. Therefore, nothing said in the group should leave the group. When you discuss your group experiences with a friend or spouse, share only what you've gained or learned. Do not share anyone's experiences but your own. Do not share any names, descriptions or occupations of group members, etc., with people outside the group. During the week, do not discuss any other group members, even among yourselves. Failure to comply could result in your being asked to leave the group.