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How to Use This Toolkit























How to use This Toolkit

- This Toolkit has been developed for both elected and non-elected leaders in order to assist them in taking an active, strategic role in calling the nation to prayer and keeping faith in their community, city, state, and nation.
- This Toolkit provides you with detailed, simple, yet highly strategic actions that individuals or groups can take to make an impact for faith in your community and across the nation.
- In addition to the best practices for forming and leading a Faith Impact Group, this Toolkit provides the supplemental resources needed to achieve success step-by-step instructions, legal support, resources, access to instructional videos, and more.
- Meaningful action is led first by prayer. Pray daily for God's wisdom, protection, and strategy. Then use the talents God has given you to "Stand for Faith."

"The best strategies for faith impact are those which can be made clear, understandable, doable, and capable of being implemented by the acts of a single individual."























Overview of Faith Impact Groups (FIGs)

























Overview of Faith Impact Groups (FIGs)

Like-Minded Leaders From All Spheres of Influence Taking United Action

What are Faith Impact Groups?

Faith Impact Groups are local groups of faith, community, and government leaders; connected by a national network, the Faith Impact Network. Faith Impact Groups are actively engaged in ensuring that faith and freedom thrive at the local and state level.

Who should be in a Faith Impact Group and why join?

Members of Faith Impact Groups include both elected and non-elected leaders in a community including; government leaders, business leaders, faith leaders, influencers, and others who meet together on a regular basis to strategically affect positive, faith-based change in their community. With access to a nationwide network of leaders, strategic planning, coordinated initiatives, resources, and legal counsel, Faith Impact Groups implement specific and culture-shaping change and play a major role in keeping faith in their community.

How does a Faith Impact Group differ from a Bible Study or a civic organization?

Faith Impact Groups are unique from anything you may be involved with. These groups are a coordinated, strategic, and unified response to anti-faith efforts in their communities. Equipped with tactics, resources, and training. Faith Impact Groups impact the culture by implementing strategies developed by some of our nation's greatest strategists. These groups begin with prayer but they lead to action.

What are Faith Impact Opportunities?

Faith Impact Opportunities are simple but powerful tactics designed to effect positive change in our areas of impact. The Opportunities are strategically designed to be clear, understandable, doable, and capable of being implemented by a single member. The culture-changing power of Faith Impact Opportunities results from leveraging the strategic actions of individuals into effective nationwide impact networks. Members of Faith Impact Groups can engage in Opportunities individually or corporately, however they are inspired.





















FIG Structure























FIG Structure

<u>Size:</u> A typical Faith Impact Group is comprised of 10-15 members, who become bonded through their faith and impactful through their actions.

Location: Meeting locations are determined at the discretion of the leader of the Faith Impact Group. A private, quiet place large enough to seat all members comfortably and within view of all other members is ideal.

Membership: Some will be well-grounded in their faith but a faith walk may be new to others. They are united by a strong desire to keep faith in the center of our culture. Faith Impact Groups are a private, close-knit group of peers that can effectively strengthen and encourage each other while impacting positive, faith-based change in their community. Membership is by invitation only, to facilitate a cohesive, close setting. It is not necessary to fill the group to capacity immediately – taking the time to build the group with members who are a strong fit will create a successful dynamic. There is no membership fee.

<u>Time:</u> The time commitment of the group is determined at the discretion of the leader of the Faith Impact Group. The ideal meeting time is one hour, meeting weekly or bi-weekly. Additional time commitments vary based on your choice of Impact Opportunity.

<u>Virtual Faith Impact Groups:</u> Virtual Faith Impact Groups are available for those who wish to join a group and one does not exist in their area, and the individual does not have the capacity to build a new group.

<u>Confidentiality:</u> Faith Impact Groups are designed to foster open and honest communication and strong bonds between members. Confidentiality between the members of the group is critical to the development of openness and trust. There is no expiration on that confidentiality, even if a member leaves the group. The best way to ensure this confidentiality is by carefully selecting the members of your Faith Impact Group and by reminding members at each meeting.





















Leader's Guide

























Leader's Guide

Leader Qualifications:

- 1. Agreement with Faith Impact Group statement of faith, vision, and mission
- 2. Desire to lead new initiatives and facilitate group discussions
- 3. Passion for faith-based, cultural change in the community

Leader Responsibilities:

- 1. Communicate effectively with FIG members inside and outside of the forum.
- 2. Pray for each FIG member daily.
- 3. Prepare the agenda and discussion questions for each meeting. A Sample Agenda is available <u>HERE</u>.
- 4. Appoint a co-leader to lead in your absence.
- 5. Oversee the implementation of the Faith Impact Opportunities being employed by your FIG.
- 6. Serve as the primary point-of-contact for your FIG with the CPCF and the National Strategic Center.





















Leader's Guide (cont.)

Best Practices:

- 1. Provide all meeting dates and times at the start of the year for better planning, anticipating potential conflicts with holidays and other significant events.
- 2. Construct a mechanism to communicate with your group, such as an email group or text chain.
- 3. If meetings are non-weekly, send an email reminder to the group a week in advance.

Meeting Preparation:

- 1. Consider the goal for each meeting. What do we want to accomplish?
- 2. Arrive early and set up each meeting as necessary.
- 3. Greet each person as they enter and encourage members to greet each other.
- 4. Start and end on time.
- 5. Pray for guidance and direction of each meeting and each member.
- 6. Follow the lead of your FIG. Allow them to help choose what topics you will study or discuss and what Faith Impact Opportunities you will work on.
- 7. Invite feedback at the end of each meeting.



















Leader's Guide (cont.)

Tips for Facilitating Good Discussion:

- 1. Open with prayer, asking for God's will to guide the discussion.
- 2. Encourage emotional and personal sharing and equal and full participation from each member.
- 3. Encourage engaged listening.
- 4. There are no subjects to avoid. Be accepting and affirming of those who share opinions.
- 5. Support the discussion with questions and stories, rather than instruction.
- 6. Ask clarifying questions. Ask the speaker to expand where necessary.
- 7. Ask pertinent questions. There are three types of questions: those seeking confirmation of understanding, those requesting an opinion, and those requesting personal insight. Each has a place in the group discussion.
- 8. Be prepared to respond when needed. Momentary silence allows for reflection but, be prepared to break any extended, awkward silences.
- 9. Stay focused on the relevant topic. Avoid lengthy disputes or arguments.
- 10. Be willing to adapt your agenda if the discussion moves in an unplanned but productive direction.





















National Strategic Center























Building a Culture of Strategy

The National Strategic Center utilizes a large network of leaders and strategists to help build and sustain a Culture of Strategy among the Faith Community.



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- Providing the teaching, training, and usage of the best *Strategic Principles* for leaders on multiple levels and across multiple domains.
- Fostering strategic dialogues across all spheres of culture.
- Collecting the strategic ideas and refining them into *Strategies* that can be distributed through a network which empowers groups and individuals to take action.
- Giving voice to the values behind the strategies. Creating a true flow of strategic ideas between the grassroots and our nation's best strategists.

And you are part of it!

Receive action-oriented, step-by-step toolkits to implement the strategies crafted by our nation's top strategists. <u>Available HERE</u>

Offer ideas and input on certain issues or challenges affecting faith in your area.

Upload videos of conversations, presentations, or public behavior that are hostile to faith.

Report successes that you have had in defending faith so that other Strategic Action Centers can replicate your successes across the nation.

Receive trainings and resources on how to think, act, and communicate strategically.











Faith Impact Opportunities























Faith Impact Opportunities

Faith Impact Opportunities are crafted by some of the nation's foremost strategists - leaders in government, business, faith, military, and community. These leaders come together and create strategy that is both top-down, deploying the highest levels of national leadership, and bottom-up, mobilizing a broad base of motivated citizens. Faith Impact Opportunities are a powerful way to effect positive, spiritual change in our areas of impact.

FIGs are provided with a <u>Faith Impact Guide</u> which includes simple but strategic actions that can be implemented by the group or as individuals. Each proven Faith Impact Opportunity has a corresponding Faith Impact Toolkit with easy, step-by-step instructions and resources.

Please click below to register your group once it is formed. Also, use the link to report any successes that you have had once your group is formed.























Resource List























Resources

- 1. Sample Meeting Agenda
- 2. Faith Impact Guide and Toolkits

















To receive further information about available resources, please call NSC at 757-546-2190.





Click here to tell us about your successes!

Click here for more ideas and Faith Impact Opportunities!















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