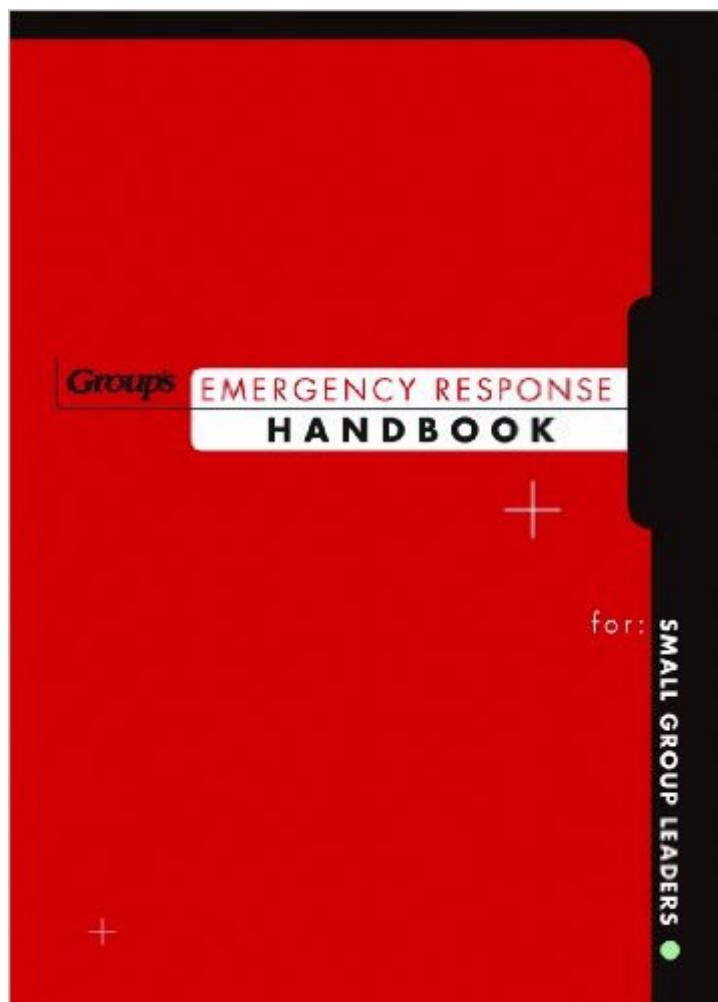


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# Emergency Response Handbook For Small Group Leaders



## **Synopsis**

You want to help -- a church member faces a terminal illness, good friends of yours just lost their child, a member of your group is struggling with an addiction, the death of a child, divorce, addiction, terminal illness--but you feel unsure how to help. Prepare yourself with practical ways to love others through their greatest challenges. People face difficult, painful stuff in life--and they shouldn't struggle alone. But what do you say? How do you help? What if you make things worse? This rapid-response handbook gives you and your small group the confidence to share God's love and comfort with hurting friends. You will be prepared to respond with 12 chapters focused on twelve emergencies that people you care for may encounter. Each chapter includes: Real Life Narrative -Learn from someone who has been there Care and Counseling Tips -Practical ideas to personally reach out in love Tips for your entire small group -Great ways your group can offer support What to say and What not to say -Positive encouragement to help the hurting, and advice on what not to say You'll also find Scripture connections, guidelines for referring your friend to a professional counselor, additional resources, and ways your group can stand by your friend in need.

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This is a very helpful book of case studies and advice in what to do when various crises hit a small group situation. I picked up a copy at the recommendation of a mentor after facing a tough situation in my own group. Several topics are dealt with in depth. Practical wisdom is given. The issue of when to seek greater help is dealt with as well. I just wish this book covered two additional topics,

which in my experience at least, come up from time to time in group life: adultery and financial problems. These seem like two somewhat common and thorny problems to exclude from this book. Overall--though it is a short book that does cover ALL the topics one might want--I give the emergency handbook a strong recommendation to fellow small group leaders. There will come a time where you need a book like this!

Just the introduction to this book grabbed me, and I was excited to find a resources that really equips people to help one another through the trials of life! I agree with the person who reviewed this book prior to me...I am going to purchase one for EACH of my small group leaders and coaches as well as ministry team leaders...Christmas shopping done! With sound counseling tips, great online resources, lists of what to say AND (perhaps more important) what NOT to say, this book is PACKED with practical advice!

I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to lead, minister, or counsel someone in the church or wants to have a biblical foundation and knowledge how to approach someone who is encountering tough obstacles. A lot of good resources, an easy and practical read, and it is broken down really well. I would highly suggest this book to anyone, even if you are not going into the counseling field, it is a good book to have around if you are involved in the church or want to be involved in peoples lives.

A great little book. Very practical. I am buying it for all my small group leaders. The book is so user friendly that begs to be used. The info is also very current and has books and on-line resources for follow-up help. I would highly recommend the book for anyone working with small groups.

I had to read this book for school. It's a great book for regular people who may be in a position of influence and need some pointers on counseling people.

It's a good resource to have- even if you aren't a small group leader. It's a great tool to have to be to be a supportive friend in a time of need.

User friendly with cross references. Offers both do's and do not's in suggestions how to reach and support others..

This book is a must have for anyone in ministry! It is a small book, an easy read, and full of very valuable information for your needs in ministry! In it you are given topics of concern (ie: divorce, terminal illness, depression, death, rebellious child, unemployment, addiction, and more!), a way to help counsel your child/family, and even "what NOT to say".....I find that it is a resource that is the first one I grab when issues arise that I need wisdom and advice myself....I am certain that it should be part of every ministry worker/leader's library!In fact, the entire selection/library is a must have!

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