SHARE THE OWNERSHIP

The goal of a small-group leader is for the people in your small group to see it as "our group." Good leaders proactively help make this happen.

God has gifted people in your group, so when you give them a way to use their gifts you not only share ownership, but also give them a way to serve in their sweet spot. That makes it a win for you as the leader and fruitful and fulfilling for the group members as they discover and use their spiritual gifts. Here's a checklist of possible roles for group members. Consider whether you have someone already filling that role. If not, who might be a good fit?

___ Coordinator*: Communicates with group members and learns to be a small-group leader and takes on a portion of the meeting's discussion time throughout the quarter. Also, pays attention to interactions in the meeting, noticing non-verbal cues and body language that the leader may miss while leading the meeting and if needed, debriefs with the leader afterward.
___ Prayer point person: keeps track of shared prayer requests and communicates those each week to the group so those needs/praises are prayed for throughout the week.
___ Greeter: arrives early for the sole purpose of greeting other group members when they arrive.
___ Host: holds the group meeting in his or her home - whether for a period of time or occasionally.
___ Serving Champion: oversees, plans, or delegates the group's missional/serving activities.
___ Foodie: coordinates the group to make sure snacks/food is provided at each group gathering.

Final Questions
For leaders who tend to do it all themselves, here are a few more questions to consider:

If you couldn't be at your group this week, would it still meet?

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When there is a need in your group, who—besides you—can meet it?

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When was the last time someone else prayed during your meeting?

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Do group members feel free to invite others, or do they depend on you to do that?

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Do you model openness and authenticity, inviting others to be open and authentic?

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*every group is required to have one of these roles