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2. The Group Essentials (see front) will help you achieve your purpose. How well is your group doing at these essentials? Rank them from weakest to strongest.

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3. Reflect on or discuss the group's strengths.

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