

Small Group Leader Training

November 4, 2007



Snacks (bagels, fruit, juice, coffee)

11:20-11:25 A Sample Small Group
clip from Regroup resource

11:25-11:35 Review: Developing Community within a Small Group: Moving from Isolation to Intimacy
Progression of needs for intimacy to develop:

Safety -"People will choose the certainty of misery over the misery of uncertainty" Virginia Sater

Exposure-revealing the "true self" (not pretty self), peeling the layers, opening the closet door

Known -authenticity, trusting others with our feelings & emotions, "letting people in"

Accepted -"taking people in" **Jewish**-Be clean and eat/**Jesus**-eat and be clean(Blue Parakete story)

Loved-not about fixing but about feeling, asked not answered, not a technique but Jesus' presence

Key Ingredients to Creating Intimacy in a small group

Consistency

Authenticity

Community

11:35-11:50 CARE Groups

In what way have you experienced intimacy in a small group setting?

How have you observed community being nurtured in a small group setting?

What area does your group need to address to foster community in the small group you lead?

11:50-12:10 Shepherding A Small Group

-gathered from the past trainings that the role of a small group leader is vital and huge responsibility

-Shepherd is central figure in Scripture as God's choice of leaders

Abraham, Moses, Joshua (Num 27:17-18, David (2 Sam 5:2, Psalm 78:70-72)

-doesn't want his people to be "sheep without a shepherd" (Num 27:15-18, Matt 9:36)

-God will punish shepherds who do not fulfill their responsibility (Ezek 34, Zec 11:17)

-God and Jesus are described as Shepherd (Isaiah 40:11, 1 Peter 2:25, Rev 7:17)

JOHN 10:11-18

-lays down his life for his sheep

-not like a hired hand who abandons the sheep when trouble comes

-know my sheep and my sheep know me

-makes a conscious decision to sacrifice for the sheep

PSALM 23 (see attachment - show Jesus the shepherd picture)

12:10 Wrap Up: 4 Core Moment

-Update profiles (put project on profile)

-Complete a Growth Group Leader Application

-Study: Select a study (resources available: Irresistible Evangelism)

-Service: Holiday Parade & Decking the Halls (Dec. 1, 9:00am)

-GOD'S UNFOLDING STORY (Jan 13-Feb 3, small group focus)

-ADOPT A MEMBER (those looking for small group, adopt, contact, leave card for Phil)

-Worship Leading

-NOTEBOOK RESOURCES: Listening as a Leader

07-08 Training Dates
-December 2nd