

# Small Group Leader Training

## August 10, 2008



11:15 Breakfast Snacks (fruit, bagels, juice, coffee)

11:25 Seeing IT! Game

- leaders at each table will describe item in sack to 1 leader who is blindfolded
- no spelling, no "sounds like", just descriptive words

11:35 Making IT Happen!

- How would you describe the "perfect small group"?
- IT by Craig Groeshel (p. 8-9)
- IT refers to that somewhat intangible experience that has impact on us
- some other examples would be...love, gravity, God the Father, black holes, freedom, magnetism, truth, infinity, IT

### 7 Contributing Ingredients (Applied to Small Groups)

**VISION:** alignment on a car, busy but wear out, what has God called us to as a church, "love God, love others"

**FOCUS:** Magic Eye picture, limited target, 4 Components keep us focused, not doing enough/doing too much

**COMRADERIE:** community is command, wrcc value, leadership requires it, trainings provide it, p.73

**INNOVATION:** "you'll do anything for it", passion ignites innovation, solutions not obstacles  
-childcare, lack of response during discussion, conflict of personalities

**FAILURE:** without failing there isn't growth, MULE STORY, "What has God called you to do that you are afraid to do?" John McCain as example (shot down, unselected in 04)

**OUTWARD FOCUS:** maturity lead to ministry! ("bring them in, build them up, send them out")

"Jesus is the light of the world" on the inside of stained-glass

-the church doesn't exist for us but for the world

-inviting those "seeking", being patient with questions, loving unconditionally

**KINGDOM FOCUS:** not in competition with other ministries or churches, learn & share, support & celebrate, "when you give it, God gives it back to you"

-sharing resources, non member participation, radical generosity

**\*I WANT EVERY SMALL GROUP TO HAVE IT! What would it look like if every group had it**  
**An Excellent Example:** ACTS 2:42-47 (MSG)

11:55 40 Days of Community

**Corporate Worship** -won't go identical to sermon, no problem, info more than synchro

**Small Group Study** -doing IT together is biggest goal/lesson to be learned

**Personal Devotional/Journal** -personal habits are the key

- **start as soon as possible, finish when natural**
- **service project ideas available in leader notebook, watch bulletin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**

12:05 Small Group Ministry Team

**-LEADER COACHES:** Mark & Janet Lee, Lynda Shade, Jim Stetnish, Andy Foster, Todd Hagermier, Shawn & Jessica Miller, Lew Middleton

**-CARE Groups**

-Communication, Accountability, Resources, Encouragement

-meet monthly at training for discussion/mutual growth

-leader coaches are great resource (experienced leaders, servant hearted, help make decisions)

**-Adopt a Member program** (Angie Hilton)

12:15 Getting Started

**-Fill out a Growth Group Application**

**-Update profile**

**-Recruit and confirm group members**

**-Pick up 40 Days of Community resources (study guide, devotional, dvd)**

**-Next Training: Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 10:45AM, Discovery Room**