

Small Group Leader Training

April 5, 2009



10:45 Breakfast Snacks

10:50 What are you Growing in your Front Room

- spiritual continuum, 2 other stages of spiritual maturity
- WRCC results: 25% close to Christ, 29% Christ centered
- What do those in these categories need:

- ownership for faith (is the switch to prevent stall or dissatisfaction, disciplines are key)
- spiritual friendships are more significant than just a small group context (accountability)
- service (a huge catalyst, must become lifestyle then just a program, variety of opportunities)

What are those in these categories looking for:

- Challenge me to grow and take next steps
- help me understand the Bible in depth

How can you facilitate growth for people in these categories in your group?

PLANT SEEDS: keep Bible at center, apply to all levels in group, (James 1:21-25)

- don't answer the question, force members to dig deep into Scripture, move past surface

WATER: accountability increases as maturity increases, older kids=/less attention (Phil 3:12-16)

- more conversation outside of group meeting, ask about habits, affirm growth

FERTILIZE: service adds nourishment to spiritual growth (1 Peter 4:7-10/Matt 10:42-45)

- not just a good idea or philanthropy, leaders are servants, others focussed

ADD SONLIGHT: goal is to be like Jesus not comparison to others, keep pursuing His example (Hebrews 6:1-3/Ephesians 4:11-13)

11:35 CARE GROUPS DISCUSSION

What has been most helpful for you as you have been maturing in your faith?

Is it easier to facilitate growth for those in the explorer/beginner or growing/centering?

What seems to be a strength of your group in regards to helping believers mature?

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11:50 Life of Christ small group guide

-How was the Liquid & In the Flesh discussion guide received?

-Preview of Victory

11:55 Wrap Up

- Update profile (day,time/members)
- ADOPT-A-MEMBER Board
- Fellowship Opportunity:
 - March Madness
 - Family Picnic (June 7, \$10/family)
 - Indians Game (July 26, \$8 ticket)
- Service Opportunities:
 - Second Saturday this Saturday!
 - Torch of Life event (brochures)
- Derek & Ashley Reid Introduction
- Next Training: Sunday, May 3rd
Topic: prayer

Next Leader Training:

May 3rd, 2009

10:45am | Discovery Room

CATALYST

May 6th | 6:30pm | Worship Center