

SMALL GROUPS CONFERENCE

PASTOR NOTES

FALL & SPRING 2019-2020

MIDDLE OF YEAR LEADER MEETING - 1.12.20

- **PASTORAL REMARKS**

- *Introduction (Me)*
 - *COVID-19 Discussions*
 - *It's worth it, persevere, endure*
 - *Carryover Groups*
 - *Share the wealth, think Clinger/Amini*
- *Group Purposes (RM), Prayer/Discipleship (MJ), Logistical Items (Attendance) (ME)*
- *Panel Discussion (Me)*
- *Captain Groups*
 - Want to see you challenge one another in spiritual maturity.
 - Opportunity to learn and grow from each other's experience in SGs.
 - Opportunity to grow in our perceptions of how to share the gospel.
 - Our goal is to make it less intimidating and more desirable.
- *Leader Groups*
 - As leaders, see yourselves as shepherds.
 - Walk alongside your group into spiritual maturity.
 - Ult. goal = come to know God and glorify Him in all, to magnify Him.
 - Identify and encourage spiritual gifts (both GG & CG).
- *Vision / Encouragement*
 - Romans 15:30-31
 - Even Paul displays significance of brothers coming together in prayer.
 - If Paul needs prayer, we most definitely need prayer.
 - Asks for prayer based on their relationship w/ Jesus and their knowledge of the love of the Spirit.
 - As Christians, our praying is a means of intercession into sharing in the ministry of others.
 - Story of going to lunch with staff guy - vulnerability and humility displayed in serving each other in empathy and wisdom.

- **LOGISTICS ITEMS**

- *Leader Nominations*

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- Vitally important. The only way for Small Groups to continually grow.
 - Relational ask. You pouring out relationally vs. sending 1,700 person email.
 - *Carryover Groups*
 - If you're a first year group and feel like your group is just beginning to gel...
 - At the same time, if your group has been together for 5 years...
 - *Spiritual Gifts & EOY Reports*
 - We'll be sending an email in April. These are important as well.

HAND OFF TO RANELLE TO DISCUSS CALENDAR AND BREAKOUTS

- **HOW TO GET YOUR GROUP INVOLVED**

- Walk through the 2020 Spring Calendar
- Provide the "why" behind men's/women's events & church-wide events
- Explain Men's/Women's Connection Pages on Website

- **TOPIC BREAKOUTS**

- R&R (Travis in Elementary)
- Unity (Kevin in Living Room)
- 6 Gospels (West in Sanctuary)

Notes for 2021:

- Primary Purpose:
 - Endurance / Reboost
 - Clarity on COVID guidelines.
 - Review and update recommendations.
- Logistics
 - Separate / Smaller Meetings
 - Not virtual - but more attendance probably.
 - GG and CG separately
 - Record?
 - Cap: 75, GG: 50, CG:200
 - Is there a training involved?
 - Captains meeting with leaders while staff chimes in?
 - Message it based on the logistics of spacing people well indoors.
 - Distanced people sit in the balcony.
 - 7pm message and 8pm dessert
 - Sanctuary time and panel discussion training piece.
 - 5 minute nod of best covid practices thus far.
 - Here's actual practical things that will help you.
 - (Order John a microphone)
 - Even though it's a beatdown, it's worth it.

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- Think of a short testimonial of why it's worth it.
 - No need to offer childcare.
 - Monday or Friday? Fellowship for people starting the weekend?
 - Discipleship Practical Ways of Doing It

Tentative Plans:

- Monday, January 11th @ 7:30pm - 8:30pm
 - 1 Hour of Sanctuary Logistics, Charge, and Panel Discussion. Real World Discipleship.
 - Desserts on back end, no dinner involved.
 - No Childcare, will stipend people who want it.
 - Socially distanced in the balcony.
 - Leaders and Captains invited. Can sit with Captain Team, Leader Team, Spouse, No Large Groups
 - Will record and post, but will not market that ahead of time.
 - Small Groups Team Panel to Discuss Groups?
 - Then transition to a discipleship panel with Brandon, Parker, etc.?
- Content:
 - Carryover Groups
 - Attendance
 - Leader Team Dynamics - Host, Dominating/Passive, Communicate Well
 - COVID Guidelines, examples, encouragement
 - EOY Reports, Leader Nominees, Spiritual Gifts
 - Start thinking about who would be great leaders in the Fall - talk to them. Or have mature guy within your group pursue them and help train.
 - Lean into prayer.
 - Everyone in your group should be able to lead - are you confident in them? If not, maybe you should spend extra time with them.
 - Topic Ideas:
 - Burnout, Sabbath, Weary and Welldoing
 - What are we allowing our minds to process?
 - Discipleship - Motivation to Disciple
 - Not should or shouldn't we
 - But overflow with examples
 - Christian Friendship
 - Elders on Panel
 - Enduring COVID - Familial, health, community, encouraging stories, leadership, etc.
 - Persistence, Fighting for Community when we don't see eye to eye.
 - 3-5 People, 30 Minutes Max, give them their questions in advance.
 - **Lucas Kuipers (***)**
 - **Kelsey Earest (***)**
 - **Brad Schnefke (***)**
 - **Susan Meyers (***)**
 - **John, Lura Jane**

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- Brandon Allen
 - Lindsay Shary
 - Lucy Brown
 - Parker Dalton & Matt Price
 - Jeremy Newsome
 - Sondra Appel
 - John Sugumaar
 - Anthony Higgins & Brad Schnefke
 - Kelsey Earnest & Grace Munford
 - Rick Snyder
 - Emanuel Ubad or Tim Miles
 - Jared Smith
 - Allison, Abby, or Rachel
 - Sondra Appel
 - Paula Myers
 - Lucas or Caroline Kuipers
 - Chace Henke
 - Lura Jane Munford
 - Susan Meyers
 - Moderator - Q&A
 - Difference between new believer or mature christian?
 - Debunking misconceptions about discipleship. It's important and valuable and we all have an opportunity to do it.
 - Questions:
 - As a leader, how do you do this within and outside your group?
 - Leader replication
 - Why did you initially seek out disciple?
 - How did you choose who to disciple? How did you find someone to disciple you?
 - What does it look like on a daily or weekly basis for you?
 - What is the biggest encouragement you draw from discipleship?
 - What is the end game for you in this relationship?
 - How do you foster a desire for discipleship within your small group?