

Ministry Group Training 2-21-2010

John 13:34-35

³⁴A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. ³⁵By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Ephesians 4:11-13

¹¹And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Paul is saying that God has given to the church, along with other gifted men, teachers, and these men are responsible to perfect (to mend, to repair, to make whole, to equip them for their intended purpose) the saints – That's my one duty, to equip you, the saints – that the saints might do the work of ministry that the body of Christ might be edified.

So, I'm to teach the Scriptures so that the saints, built up in the faith, strengthened, given doctrine of biblical knowledge and the application of it, are then able to carry on ministry. Everyone is a minister in the body of Christ. So you are a minister in the body of Christ...

Why are Ministry Groups Needed?

1. So the body of Christ might be edified. (To build, construct, improve)
2. People have a need to belong.
3. Relationships will keep people active and accountable.
4. New people need a small group of people to get to know and begin fellowship.
5. People fall through the cracks if only one or two people have responsibility
6. He and I cannot see and speak to everyone each week any more. (Although we want to)

What is the purpose of Ministry Groups?

1. Build relationships
2. Encourage participation and provide accountability. (Heb 10:25)
3. Meet physical, emotional & spiritual needs.
4. Organize the class so that a communication links exist between the members, the class, and the church.
5. Provide prayer support.
6. Fellowship for members of our class who are working in other areas of the church.
7. Grow stronger Christians

8. Help people who do not like large classes to have a place that they can feel more connected, involved, participate in smaller personal activities.
9. Since our class is large, the teacher is forced to move more into a lecture style of teaching. People need other with whom they feel free to ask questions.
10. Provided a safe place where people can share their burdens, hurts, and feelings. The smaller the group, the more open and transparent people are. Even though we take prayer request in class, I'm very sure there are needs that are NOT mentioned due to the large number of people present.

Resource to Review

1. Ministry Group Identification
2. Class Ministry Group
3. Class Directory
4. Ministry Group Captain Sheet
5. Group Contact Card
6. Contact Ideas

FAQ's (Frequently Asked Question)

1. What should I do if I'm absent? (Call and find out who was there or have an assistant)
2. What if I don't have time? (Every other week or your life if too busy for ministry)
3. Who do I talk to? (Primarily the same gender)
4. How did I get this job? (I asked Che to pray and organize the class in groups)
5. What if I don't want to do it? (Let me know, we can make the change)
6. Can group members move from group to group? (Groups are new to the class, if there is a problem with member assignment, nothing is set in stone, but we do not want to create an atmosphere of jumping from group to group.)
7. When is the best time to make my contacts? (I recommend Tuesday night at 6:45)

How to fail at being a Ministry Group Captain

1. Think of this as an unimportant task.
2. Don't worry about coming to ongoing training
3. Don't bother people with questions.
4. Think of yourself as a drill sergeant.
5. Don't bother to plan the ministry. (Plan the work, then work the plan)

Success

1. If we truly LOVE people, common sense will guide us to act correctly. Take time to love.
2. There are a million ways to fail. There is only one way to succeed... COMMITMENT
3. What is commitment? A decision in advance that guides your actions.
4. To fail in commitment is to choose to fail in advance.

Our Next Training

March 21. There is a pot-luck luncheon after the Sunday am Service for the whole class