



SMALL GROUP LEADERS: - Remember the C's of Small group health:

CONTENT - *biblical, intentional, and conversational*

CONSISTENCY - *regular meetings and interactions with one another*

CCARE - *sharing life's ups and downs with grace, love and encouragement*

CELEBRATION - *celebrating God's grace to us and having fun together*

COMMISSION - *participating in what God is doing now during our lifetime on earth*

CHARACTER - *as a leader – growing in my example for my group*

ICEBREAKER: (Choose one)

- What's one of your favorite pieces of clothing that you've had for years and can't get discard?

INTO THE WORD:

1) If you had to condense this message down to a 'tweet' or short FB post, what would you make sure was included?

2) Read Colossians 3:5-17

Teaching Tip: This passage from Colossians closely parallels the passage in Ephesians from this weekend's message.

a) What does this passage teach about God? What does it reveal about Him?

Teaching Tip: Focus your group on the fact that Scripture ultimately is not self-help but rather revelation of Who God is. Specific verses that give clear implications about God are found in v. 6, 11, 12, 13, and 17

b) What part of your "old" self from the list in vv. 5-8 feels most comfortable right now and the hardest to discard?

c) Verse 16 shares the key to actually living differently. Put this verse into your own words and then describe how to put it into practice in your life.

APPLY THE WORD:

3) How easily are you influenced by the "what's" in your life? (i.e.-what you did, what happened to you, what you want)

- 4) As a group, read 1 Peter 3:15. Currently, where do you think your hope in Christ is clear and might cause curiosity from non-believers/un-churched persons? How does this verse challenge or convict you?

PRAYER TIME:

- Share a particular situation, relationship, or setting that you need God's power and a renewed mind from the Holy Spirit in order to live "how" Jesus would.
As each person shares, pray over them as a group (or in smaller groups), even consider laying hands on them, asking God to help each other live 'how' Jesus did and therefore to display Jesus in our lives.