



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

CONTENT - *biblical, intentional, and conversational*

CONSISTENCY - *regular meetings and interactions with one another*

CARE - *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*

Ice Breaker:

- Your first girl/boy friend ... what started the relationship? What ended it?

Into the Word:

1) How do you define "church"? How would you describe it to someone else?

2) Read Titus 2:11-15

a) According to this passage, how was the church created?

Leader Help: Jesus gave himself sacrificially in life and through the cross, laying down His life for the people who would be called His church.

b) What is the purpose of the church?

Leader Help: The church is to be the "possession" of Jesus - basically meaning we are His companion and "Bride" and charged with representing His heart through doing good deeds.

c) What commitments do the people of the church share.

d) What does God's desire for a people or a family teach us about His character and heart?

Leader Help: God's creation of the church and purpose for it, reminds us that God is triune (3-in-1, and in relationship) and seeking a family that will live for His glory.

Apply the Word:

3) What challenged you most about this message or the passage in Titus we just discussed?

4) How do your priorities and "agenda" for certain relationships in your life need to change?

5) As a small group, how do we need to grow as a community of people desiring and pursuing God's will together?

Prayer Time:

Spend some time praying simply for our church:

- *for GroupLink this month*
- *for our hunger and desire for God's will to grow*
- *for more people to desire God and prioritize relationships*