

PASTOR'S POST

Dear Leaders: We are planning to have a Growth Group Leader equipping meeting before the spring semester begins on April 11th. We want to accomplish three things on this night. First we want to share stories with the leaders. We hear about some of the answers to prayer, some of the changes in people's lives and the way in which Growth Groups are impacting people, but others need to hear these stories also. So we hope that each of you will have something to share with us.

Second, our main topic will be, "How to Have a Great Service Project." One way in which groups build relationship is by participating in a service project. We want to share with you ways to determine what your group might do, hear from others about what they have done, talk about the possibilities there are in the Oceanside area and answer your questions. Finally, we want to spend time praying together. It is so important to continually give this ministry to God and ask for his help. There will be refreshments and cookies available as well as we fellowship.

Here are the details:

When: Thursday, April 8th from 7:00—8:30 pm
Where: Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church
Topic: How to Have a Great Service Project

Thanks in advance for planning to join with us.



More leaders needed! That's a good thing. We came close this past semester to having more people interested in a Growth Group than we have leaders to accommodate them. A Growth Group ministry has a high leader-to-participant ratio which makes it difficult to recruit and develop quality leaders. How can you help? Take a look at people in your group and recommend to us anyone you see as having potential to lead.

We are looking for two key traits in leaders. The first is spiritual warmth; that is they have a growing, dynamic relationship with Jesus. They are seeking to bring their lives in line with Scripture. One of the great strengths of the sermon-based small group model is that it demands a less skilled and less biblically literate leader. It is easier to facilitate a discussion on the previous week's sermon than it is to prepare a study from scratch or to follow many curriculums. But spiritual warmth is critical.

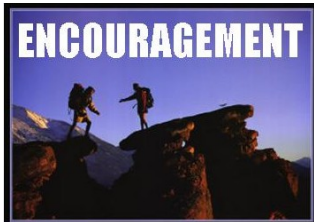
The second is relational warmth. In others words, is the person likeable? Do people enjoy being around them? Where do they fit on the it-would-be-fun-to-have-dinner-with-you scale? It's not that we are looking for people oozing with charisma, but on the other hand, those who don't know how to play well with others quickly empty the sandbox.

If you recommend people like this, we will work with them and equip them for the task.



PRAYER

- For leaders for Growth Groups, as our need is ever expanding
- That many will sign up for the Spring Semester of Growth Groups



God Knows

When you are tired and discouraged from fruitless efforts ...
God know how hard you have tried.

When you've cried so long and your heart is in anguish ...
God has counted your tears.

If you feel that your life is on hold and time has passed you by ...
God is waiting with you.

When you're lonely and your friends are too busy even for a phone call ...
God is by your side. .

When you think you've tried everything and don't know where to turn ...
God has a solution.

When nothing makes sense and you are confused or frustrated ...
God has the answer.

If suddenly your outlook is brighter and you find traces of hope ...
God has whispered to you.

When things are going well and you have much to be thankful for ...
God has blessed you.

When something joyful happens and you are filled with awe ...
God has smiled upon you.

When you have a purpose to fulfill and a dream to follow ...
God has opened your eyes and called you by name.

Remember that wherever you are or whatever you are facing ...God Knows.