



Ice-Breaker: The Big "IF"...



- » Choose someone to go first at your table (the youngest person).
- » The first person takes the top "If Card", reads it out loud and gives their answer, comment or explanation.
- » The next person (to the left of the last reader) takes the next card from the top of the pile. Continue until everyone has had a turn. If time allows, keep going...

Brainstorm...

- » How did Jesus invest in the disciples? Be as specific as possible and give examples.
- » What strategies and/or tactics did He use that we should emulate? Did He do anything that we can't or shouldn't do?
- » Why is investing in your LifeGroup members important?



Conversation: Keys to Investing in Your LifeGroup Members



» Follow Jesus Example...

1. Servant Leadership
 - The Biblical Example and Mandate: Matthew 20:24-28; 1 Peter 4:10
 - Attitude of Service not "Selfishness" (Philippians 2:3-4)
2. Shepherding
 - Jesus & Peter: John 21:15-17
 - Focus on Spiritual Growth (not just crisis management or social gatherings)
3. Loving One Another
 - The Command and Benchmark: John 13:34-35
 - Love in ACTION (not an emotion word)
 - Know each member's love language (and use it):
 - i. Words of Affirmation
 - ii. Appropriate Physical Touch
 - iii. Giving Gifts
 - iv. Acts of Service
 - v. Time Spent Together

What's your
Love Language?
Circle it...

"In redemptive suffering we stand with people in their sin and in their sorrow. There can be no sterile, arm's-length purity. Their suffering is messy business, and we must be prepared to step smack into the middle of the mess." (Richard Foster in Prayer, page 212)

» Practical Application...

1. How do we practically Serve, Shepherd, and Love the people in our LifeGroups?
2. Two critical goals:
 - a. Get together with members of your group outside of the group setting. Be intentional (it takes effort).
 - b. Get them paired up (Luke 10:1). Not even Jesus had deep, intense relationships with everyone in His group.

Group Warfare...

- » As shepherds and leaders in the church, we need to pray for one another and the spiritual battle that is in full force against Pinecrest.
- » In your table groups, spend time sharing your spiritual needs & battles.
- » Spend time praying for those requests as well as:
 1. Rowland & Kitty and the Church Leadership
 2. Church Marriages (especially those in leadership...including yourselves!)

Open Discussion & Questions...



Notes & Prayer Requests...

