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How To Organize Care Groups for Ministry

Organize Small Ministry Care Groups—Keep care groups small. Limit them to no more than six members and the ministry leader. Include a mix of active and inactive members in each group. Don't give someone all the inactive members to contact.

Organize by gender—If care groups are a part of a coed class consider organizing the care groups by gender. Relationships need to be built with every individual in the class. If groups are organized by couples all too often one spouse is neglected.

Include members-in-service—In-service members are members who teach or work in another Bible study group. Don't forget anyone.

Contact members weekly—The contact may not be a visit but some kind of contact should be made weekly to every member. Remember it is about building relationships. Members drift after three weeks of no contact with the class.

Make short but frequent contacts—The contacts don't have to be long letters, visits, or phone calls. Shorter and more frequent visits are probably more productive than one long infrequent visit.

What Do Care Group Leaders Do?

The care group leader(s) work with the Care Group Coordinator, teacher, or director to assure that every class member is contacted regularly including:

- Call to encourage and pray
- Call because you really care or don't take the job
- Call back to check on their situations and take notes
- Call to tell them about events at the church
- Call and just be a friend, remember their birthdays
- Don't talk about attendance

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