

Note from Pastor Jeff...

Dear LifeGroup leaders,

If you came to the Huddle this last Sunday THANKS!! We had a great time and I can't wait to see how God is going to work in and through you this coming season. Last night I had our new LifeGroup leader orientation. We had a fantastic time and there is the potential to start 6-8 new groups!!

- This Sunday is our next "GroupLink" for people looking for a LifeGroup. If you would like to attend and talk about your LifeGroup just e-mail Terri.
- Mark your calendar now for our Super Huddle on Saturday morning January 23rd. I'll serve you breakfast and then Pastor Steve has asked for some time to share a special message just for you. After that you can choose from one of several workshops to get the training you need. I'll be sending you more information as we get closer BUT DON'T MISS OUT.

IMPORTANT: If you have any planned changes for your meeting place, days or times for the fall please let us know!



Upcoming Huddles

- **JANUARY 23**

SATURDAY MORNING
BREAKFAST
PASTOR STEVE SHARING
WORKSHOPS
DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

Thought for the week...

"Though no one can go back and make a brand-new start, anyone can start now and make a brand-new ending."

Planning Ahead...

Sept. 25 & 26	Women's Mini-Retreat: <i>My Cup Overflows</i>
Sept. 27	Group Link—11 AM
Oct. 3	Men's Breakfast—7:30 AM
Oct. 6	New Testament Survey class starts—6:30 PM
Oct. 6	Raising A Modern Day Knight class starts—7 PM
Oct. 11	Foundations starts—11 AM
Oct. 16-17	Precepts Training
Oct. 24	Car Care Saturday
Oct. 31	Family Fun Night has been cancelled
Nov. 1	Daylight Savings Time ends

Want to read through the Bible in 2 years with your family or LifeGroup? Pick up a bookmark at the Info Center in the lobby or go to the following website courtesy of Randy Ketchem:
<http://www.ketchem.net/twoyearbible/>

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Huddle Synopsis 9-20-2009

While Pastor Jeff was in the auditorium doing the Body Life announcements, Pastor Jim Sewell asked about the best gift we've received (not a spiritual gift) as a discussion question for around our tables. Answers included a great 40th birthday celebration, a wife, and a flight in a small plane.

Another question allowed people to share what was exciting about getting back together with our groups. Answers included prayer, potlucks, studying God's Word, depth of sharing and vulnerability (need to keep working on this one!), laughing together, interaction on deep levels, going through life together with its issues and trials, being in community, being blessed as well as being a blessing.

Pastor Jeff shared about building a fire and how it pertains to rekindling the momentum and intimacy in our groups.

He also brought out fortune cookies as a visual aid in predicting good things for the groups this year! Remember, the group will reflect the leader's attitude and commitment to the group and its members.

We were asked to share the gifts God has given to us because we are His children:
Eternal life with Him; freedom from sin; peace; joy; children; Holy Spirit (blessings, gifts, talents, wisdom, discernment); grace; mercy; truth; patience; forgiveness; beauty of creation; gratitude; body of believers; community...
In light of all He's given to us, what should our response be to God?
Awe, worship, thanksgiving, use the gifts for His glory!

Malachi 1:6-14: Malachi was told by God to tell the people whose values and commitment to the Lord were headed south:

"Give God the best from the flock in response to a God who is so giving."

Application – evaluate what I give to the Lord – is it the leftovers or what costs least?

Does my life for God reflect the passion and worth of His gift to me?

Need to step back and examine my devotion to Him. Is my commitment at a bare minimum? Take time to reflect back on the excellence of His gift to me.

The four-fold elements of a LifeGroup: Love, Reach, Grow, Serve. This fall, look for ways to serve.

Example – Mosaic, the college age group, on Oct. 3 will go with Union Gospel Mission's rescue van in Seattle, handing out blankets and food to the homeless.

Car Care Saturday, Proverbs 3120 Christmas Luncheon. Contact Larry Ressler for projects groups can get involved in, such as yard work, moving, meals, etc.

Questions were brought up about service projects for kids and adopting families for the holidays. Details to follow.

*Pastor Jeff will resume writing sermon questions on Monday (21st)

*Please put on your calendar if you haven't already – Super Huddle on Saturday, Jan. 23. We'll have breakfast, Pastor Steve will share, elder groups will meet and there will be training workshops in different areas.

*All Church Campaign to get people into groups will be the end of January through February. Please be praying for selection of curriculum, more leaders, expanding current groups.

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We spent time in prayer at our tables with our elder/ coaches.