



Leader Notes

Velcroed for Growth

February 28, 2010
James 5:13-20, Ephesians 4:1-7

Devotional Seed:

What is the primary purpose of growth groups? Dave M talked about Christian life support. How do groups support our Christian life? Discipleship content, encouraging relationships, prayer support etc.

Deeper Roots:

1. According to Ephesians 4, what is the foundation of Christian Community? Focus in on verses 4-6 which emphasize the common bonds we have as Christians. Perhaps talk about how easy it is to focus on differences instead of these things
2. According to Ephesians 4, what qualities strengthen Christian community? Verse 1 points to the need for all to live worthy verse 2 emphasizes the critical need for humility and gentleness. Verse 3 shows we need to make an effort to pursue peace.
3. How does James 5 define what should happen in Christian community? Certainly prayer for each other verse 14 and pursuing the wanderer verse 19-20. May want to debate the appropriate context to confess sins verse 16
4. How does Acts 6 and Exodus 18 provide a biblical rationale for small groups? Both of these talk about delegated leadership and the need to share the load with others.
5. What does Ephesians 4:7 mean and how is it relevant to small groups? Keep reading in context and you see that it is talking about spiritual gifts. God gives us different roles and abilities for the common good.

Bearing Fruit:

1. Do you agree that growth groups find it challenging to deliver accountability, deep study and great friend ship?
2. How would you evaluate your group in terms of connectedness, positive peer pressure and honesty?
3. Do you have room in your group to include someone new?

Branching Out:

Easter is around the corner. Plan now to invite someone to the Easter Sunday service. If we do not plan ahead, these invitations do not happen.