

2004
Care Group Leader
Training

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Teaching Guide, 2004

Bold type are the fill in the blank answers.

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Why Are Care Groups Needed?

1. The design of Westwood is for our Bible Study Classes to be the primary means of **care** and **ministry**.
2. People have a **need** to belong.
3. Relationships will keep people active and **connected** to the class and to the church.
4. People **fall** through the **cracks** without them.
5. **New** people need a small group of people to get to know & begin fellowship.

Purpose of Care Groups

1. Build **relationships**
2. **Encourage** participation and provide accountability (Heb 10:25)
3. Meet **physical**, emotional & spiritual needs.
4. Serve as a communication **link** between the members, the class, and the church
5. **Prayer** support.
6. Fellowship for **members** in service.

Resources to Review

1. Job Description for Care Group Leaders
2. Care Group Contact Card
3. Care.Net Email Report
4. Roll Sheet
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7. Care Group Monthly Report (optional)
8. Sample Care Group Sorting Grid (Last year – Singles 3 Class)

Contact Ideas

1. Mapped Purpose

Week 1	Update Prayer Needs
Week 2	Remind about upcoming church event
Week 3	Share info on Class Fellowship
Week 4	Share info on New Unit of Study
Every Week	Ask about <name or need> from last week's prayer request
2. Mapped Method

Week 1	Phone call - prayer update
Week 2	Post card
Week 3	Phone call
Week 4	Literture distribution
3. Share Fellowship Ideas.

4. Seldom & Never Attenders:
 - a. Devise a **pencil** plan.
 - b. Begin with a **personal visit** to put a face to the name.
 - c. **Ink** in the plans as completed.

FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

1. What should I do when I'm absent? (Call and find out who was there or have an assistant.)
2. What if they don't want a call. (same as seldom & never attenders)
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3. What if I don't have time. (Every other week or quit)
4. Who do I talk to? (Primarily same gender)

How to Fail at Being A Care Group Leader

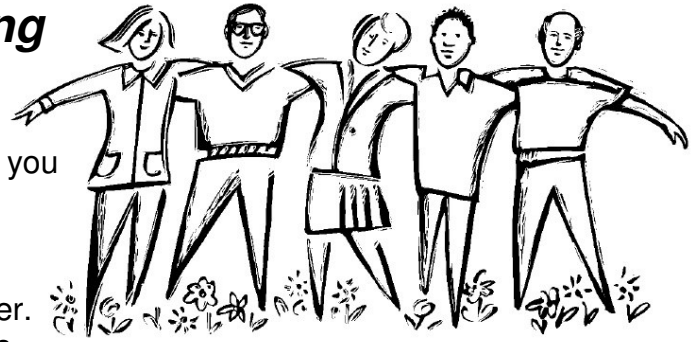
1. Think of this as an unimportant **task**.
2. Don't worry about **training**.
3. Don't bother people with **questions**.
4. **Think** of yourself as a drill sergeant
5. Don't bother to **plan** the ministry
6. Don't **turn in** any contact reports.

Thinking of Success as a Care Group Leader

1. If we truly **love** people, common sense will guide us to act correctly. Take time to love.
2. There are a million ways to fail. There is only one way to succeed... **COMMITMENT**.
3. What is commitment? A **decision** in advance that guides your action.
4. To fail in commitment is to choose to fail in advance.

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Listening Guide



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Fellowship Ideas

- ❖ Friday night fellowships
- ❖ Sunday lunch at restaurant
- ❖ Give someone a ride to church
- ❖ Golf/Shopping
- ❖ Sporting events
- ❖ Movie/Game nights
- ❖ Tail Gate Party
- ❖ Men's Night Activity
- ❖ Ladies Night Activity
- ❖ Serve together in a ministry

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Class Care Group Organization Sheet

Teacher: _____ Phone: _____

Secretary: _____ Phone: _____

Care Group #1 Leader: _____ Phone: _____

List only one household per space (i.e. couples on same number).

Members

1.	_____	5.	_____
2.	_____	6.	_____
3.	_____	7.	_____
4.	_____	8.	_____

Care Group #2 Leader: _____ Phone: _____

Members

1.	_____	5.	_____
2.	_____	6.	_____
3.	_____	7.	_____
4.	_____	8.	_____

Care Group #3 Leader: _____ Phone: _____

Members

1.	_____	5.	_____
2.	_____	6.	_____
3.	_____	7.	_____
4.	_____	8.	_____

Care Group #4 Leader: _____ Phone: _____

Members

1.	_____	5.	_____
2.	_____	6.	_____
3.	_____	7.	_____
4.	_____	8.	_____

Care Group #5 Leader: _____ Phone: _____

Members

1.	_____	5.	_____
2.	_____	6.	_____
3.	_____	7.	_____
4.	_____	8.	_____

Care Group #6 Leader: _____ Phone: _____

Members

1.	_____	5.	_____
2.	_____	6.	_____
3.	_____	7.	_____
4.	_____	8.	_____