

How to Be a Great Care Group Leader!

A Care Group Leader is the glue that holds the Sunday School together. Whenever people leave one class to go to another it is usually because they feel that they do not fit in or that they were unwanted. On the flip side of the coin, I have witnessed people who have been out of Sunday School for 3-5 years return because of the efforts of faithful Care Group Leaders. You can make the difference!

1. Make every effort to contact those in your group on a weekly basis. Be brief but do communicate concern. Don't preach to them! You may want to occasionally send a post card in lieu of making a phone call. There will occasionally be a week when you can't call and that is O.K., just don't let it go for 2 or 3 weeks. Consider having a co-group leader that will agree to make calls when you can't. It's a great way to raise up new group leaders.
2. Remember birthdays and anniversaries of those in your group with a card or phone call. If they have children, why not go the extra mile and volunteer to watch their children for a few hours for them to have dinner out.
3. Communicate with them through cards and phone calls to express to them how much you appreciate them and how glad you are that they are in your group.
4. Occasionally, invite a couple over for lunch after church or dinner another night of the week. If you have a new member in your group, invite them along with another couple. This not only encourages the couple that has been in your class for a while, but it helps to assimilate the new members.
5. If possible, sit with different members of your group in church, especially new members.
6. If you have been assigned a new member and a class social is coming up, call and invite them to go with you.
7. Plan a social for your group. Have a covered-dish dinner, go to a ball game, etc. The goal is to get the group together.
8. If you have a chronic absentee in your group, calling once a week may be too much. Make some type of contact once a month. Seek to build a relationship with the absentee.
9. Make an in-home visit at least once a year to every person in your group. Take a home-made treat with you. That is always a delight!