

# **CG Leader Training**

**Fall 2021**

# Culture of Care

## We are creating a culture of care by...

- 100% - working to know our members by listening, asking questions, and following-up
- 100% - texting, calling, or meeting up with our group members between meetings
- 86.67% - leading with humility (e.g. As leaders who are open with our struggles and ask for prayer.)
- 73.33% - talking about our sins (both in group and privately) and praying for each other
- 66.67% - planning fun/relational building times outside of regular group meetings.

# 2022

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# Lifeway Research

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3. The discipline of Bible engagement impacts every other discipline.
4. Groups matter. A lot.
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# SBC Disciple Making Taskforce

Three recommendations:

1. Every Southern Baptist Church increase their efforts toward bible engagement.
2. Every Southern Baptist Church consider gauging the effectiveness of their disciple making efforts by examining the connection between decisions and group involvement.
3. Every Southern Baptist Church consider gauging the effectiveness of their disciple making efforts by examining the number of groups that multiply on a consistent basis.

# RVC Bible Reading Stats

Recent surveys of RVC Community Group participants revealed the following...

- 35% complete 5 out of 5 days — they will read 100% of the Bible
- 10% complete 4 out of 5 days — they will read approx. 80% of the Bible
- 15% complete 3 out of 5 days — they will read approx. 60% of the Bible
- 23% complete 2 out of 5 days — they will read approx. 40% of the Bible
- 10% complete 1 out of 5 days — they will read approx. 20% of the Bible
- 7% do not read at all — they will read 0% of the Bible

# RVC Bible Reading Stats

This means that 40% of our community group members read the Bible two days or less per week!

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A closer look reveals the following...

- 35% complete 5 out of 5 days

But when we remove elders, staff, and community group leaders from that count...

- 17% complete 5 out of 5 days



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# CG Statistics

As of January 2021...

- 177 covenant members
- 48 covenant members...not in a community group
- 280 adult regular attenders
- 230 adult regular attenders...not in community groups

# CG Statistics

As of October 2021...

- 158 covenant members
- 145 covenant members in a community group
  - 2020 - 48 not in a community group
  - 2021 - 13 not in a community group

Since February of 2021...

- 59 people have been added to community groups

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## Acts 1:12-15

**12** Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. **13** And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. **14** All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

**15** In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said,

## **Hebrews 2:11 (CSB)**

**11** For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,

# Brothers & Sisters

How would your perspective of your community group change if instead of seeing the people in your community group as just...acquaintances...friends from church...community group members...you saw them as your actual family...your brothers and sisters?

# Brothers & Sisters

Are your brothers and sisters—in your community group—as comfortable in your home...as your biological brothers and sisters?

Does every member of your community group know which cabinet your cups are in without asking?

Do they feel comfortable getting one without asking?

Do they know which drawer to find a fork in?



# **Brothers & Sisters**

Genuine family is familiar...it is uninvited...and yet it always feels welcome.

# Genuine Family

We must keep in mind...genuine family is always inconvenient.

- You will never “do” community because you don’t mind the inconvenience.
- You don’t “do” community because you like inconvenience...you “do” community because you love the people who make it inconvenient.

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