

Goals, Principles, and Practices for Providing Care to Small Group Members:



GOALS

- Pray weekly
- Connect monthly
- Meet in person either biannually (Lay Shepherds) or annually (Small Group Leaders)

PRINCIPLES OF GOOD CARE-GIVING

1. Submit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:25)
 - Maintain your walk with God.
 - Commit to excellence as a small group leader.
 - Connect and contribute to the shepherding ministry at CCN.
2. Understand the condition of those under your care (Proverbs 27:23)
 - Be aware of what happens to each person, couple and family. Is there:
 - o A health concern?
 - o Job stress or loss?
 - o Marriage or family strain?
 - o Financial stress?
 - o A loss through divorce or death?
 - o A lack of regular church attendance?
 - Understand their spiritual gifts and interests.
 - o This area will be covered under the Coaches role on page 39.
3. Provide appropriate care with the appropriate resources (John 21:15)
 - Prayerfully apply the "Four Levels of Care" model on page 35.

Practices:

- Set up a meeting calendar well in advance of meeting dates.
- Arrange childcare for group time, if appropriate.
- Recognize special occasions with a call or card.
- Set a meeting goal to get to know a particular person.
- Circulate prayer requests between meetings.
- Reach out to non-attendees after each meeting.
- Reach out to attendees if they seem distant during a meeting.
- Look for social opportunities between meetings.
- Arrange practical ways to help members.
- Visit members in their homes or the hospital.
- Support members in their ministries or community service.
- Keep in touch with seasonal people when they are away.