

Creating a Community... Doing More Than Just Leading a Group
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Lead a Community

“The ability of obtain and retain followers, organizing them, unifying them, and directing them to accomplish a God-given vision.”

- Trust God
- _____ with God
- Listen to God
- Delegate _____
- _____ Someone

Know Your Community

Saved Cynic	Secularized Struggler	Not-Yet-Converted Conversationalist	Convinced Biblically Functioning Follower of Christ
Patience	Equal Mindedness	Time	Reminded what the group is about
Listening ear	Straightforward Conversation	Questions Answered	Reminded that they are partners with you
Wise Counsel (when requested and/or appropriate)	Biblical Truth shared in a palatable fashion	A Safe Place to ask questions	Reminded to pray for those who have not yet become Christ followers

IF YOU WERE GATHERING YOUR GROUP TODAY, MAKE A LIST OF FIVE PEOPLE YOU WOULD INVITE THEN WRITE DOWN WHAT CATEGORY YOU THINK EACH OF THEM WOULD FALL INTO.

NAME

CATEGORY

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Create a Community

The Four Commons of Community

1. A Common _____
2. Common Memories
3. Common _____
4. A Common _____ of Community

The Five Essentials of Community

1. Authenticity - Be Who You Are... _____
2. Acceptance - _____ People In Their Present State
3. Joy - Have Fun
4. Grace - Create an Environment of _____
5. Affirmation - Create an Environment of _____