

SUMMIT 2026

Building a Care Team

Distributing Shepherding so CARE doesn't rest on one Leader

Supporting Scriptures

Philippians 2:3-4- Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Romans 12:10-13- Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

As Dr. Snyder preached this morning, our aim as Christians should be to have the posture of Jesus to serve as He served, with love and humility.

FOR WHOM ARE WE CARING?

a. Members-

COMMITTED (2x monthly)

ENGAGED (1x monthly)

OCCASIONAL (6x or less per year)

b. Unengaged Church Members

c. Repeat Guests (they've attended some but have yet to join)

WHO IS PROVIDING THE CARE?

- a. If over 10 people on the roster, we recommend Shepherd Group Leaders and not just the director or the member care coordinator.

When we share the care, the care is better.

It just makes sense.

- b. Who makes for a good SGL?

- Someone who is committed and faithful to the Group
- One who relates well with others
- Someone who is not already over committed
- One who has some spiritual depth

Recruiting Leaders is an art! Think through who meets these qualifications and then ask to meet them outside your class time, over a cup of coffee or meal. Share the responsibilities/expectations and ask them to prayerfully consider.

Distributing CARE gives ownership and purpose to others. If you try to do all the caring then whenever you leave or are out of commission, there is a big gap. If Sandra or I left the Andrew Group right now, the care ministry continues. Because we're not the only ones ministering.

HOW ARE WE CARING?

- a. Sending cards- birthday, encouraging, mail still speaks volumes!
- b. Phone calls/Texts/Emails to encourage

- c. Provide meals- meal train; cook and deliver; etc. (especially if no family in the area)
- d. Visiting in the hospital/rehab
- e. Attending a funeral of a loved one
- f. Praying for them over the phone or in person

IF our only focus is in teaching God's WORD but never moves into action where we're living His Word, then we're missing the point. We are named LifeGroup Bible Studies to emphasize the importance of doing life together, which includes caring for each other.

*Caring for one another is a huge part of the ministry of a LifeGroup.

*Our roots grow deeper as we care for one another in our time of need.

John 13:35- "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

1 Corinthians 15:58- Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Every call, text, visit, meal prepared, card written, etc. is an eternal investment in the Kingdom of God.

Galatians 6:9- Do not grow weary in well doing.

Keep on Keeping on!