LEADERSHIP LESSON 2: MINISTRY THROUGH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Ministry truth #1 - Ministry is a continuous **process** not a one-time **act**.

Ministry truth #2 – Ministry is not effective **wholesale**; it is only effective **retail**.

Ministry truth #3 –People who miss and are not missed miss.

Ministry truth #4 – The ministry that takes place <u>away</u> from the church is often more effective and meaningful than ministry that takes place at the church.

Ministry truth #5 – It's not as important **how** you do ministry as it is **that** you do ministry.

Ministry truth # $6 - \underline{\text{Most}}$ people given to do ministry on their own $\underline{\text{don't}}$.

Ministry truth # $7 - \underline{\mathbf{Organized}}$ ministry is more effective than $\underline{\mathbf{unorganized}}$ ministry.

Care Groups are the most effective way I know of to:

share ministry needs;

meet ministry needs;

involve everyone in the class,

grow stronger Christians, and

<u>build</u> relationships with each other.

Ministry truth #8 – Ministry without **tools** is most often left to **hit-and-miss** attempts.

- <u>Every</u> absentee should be assigned to someone within their own Care Group who is present on Sunday morning.
 - The purposes of the contact is multiple:
 - To <u>ask for</u> prayer requests;
 - To **share** prayer requests of the morning;
 - To let the absentee know:
 - 1. they were truly **missed** and
 - 2. they are truly **loved**.
 - The **method** of contact is dual:
 - They are expected to contact them either by **phone** or a **personal visit**
 - The <u>timing</u> of the contact is <u>immediate</u>; they are expected to make the contact as soon as possible after leaving the church.

Each Sunday morning during Care Group time, the Care Group Leader will ask the visiting member for a **report** of their contact.

- If last week's absentee is present they need to be **encouraged** and told how glad the group is to have them back.
- If they are absent again a <u>different</u> member of their Care Group should be assigned to make this week's contact.

Remember that **EVERY** person in our church needs to be in a Care Group including the teacher and those class "missionaries" serving in another area of Sunday School.

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