

## **LEADERSHIP LESSON #51: WAYS TO USE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL ROLLS TO TOUCH PEOPLE'S LIVES**

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2. The roll sheet can be used to ensure that every member and every prospect is invited to monthly class **fellowships**.
3. If addresses and phone numbers are provided on the roll sheets each week, care groups may use the information in class to write **postcards** to send to absentees.
4. Roll sheets printed by **care groups** allow care leaders and groups to know immediately who is absent and in need of some kind of "touch" during the coming week. Care leaders should make assignments to group members for follow-up.
5. Encourage care leaders to use their roll sheets to **call** their group members weekly, not only encouraging them to attend on Sunday, but also to **solicit** prayer requests.
6. **Prospects** assigned to the class and listed on the roll sheet should be assigned to a care group member for contact during the week. Various methods of contact, including phone calls, cards, emails, or home visits, can be used each week.
7. **Chronic absentees** can be identified and assigned for ministry follow-up. Many times we assume the reason for their absence and miss real opportunities to minister in times of need.
8. Use the **date of birth** information on the roll sheet to send birthday cards to every member and prospect.

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