

## **LEADERSHIP LESSON # 57: CREATIVE FELLOWSHIPS FOR CONNECTING TO ADULTS**

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1. **Involve** as many people as possible in the planning and implementation phases. The more involvement, the better the participation.
2. Realize that all fellowships will not appeal to all people. Plan a **variety of activities**, and you will involve more people.
3. If the fellowship costs money, make sure that **everyone can attend** even if they can't afford it or if they show up unaware of an event fee.
4. Plan for **adequate childcare** if the event requires childcare.
5. Practice the Scripture, **Romans 14:21**, when planning fellowships. What is right for some may not be right for others.
6. Plan a class event at least once a quarter and a **Care Group Fellowship** at least monthly. Help care group coordinators plan care group events like supper clubs, home groups, etc.
7. Do not **over-schedule fellowships** so that people feel fellowship burnout. Make fellowships special and keep participants wanting more.
8. Make sure the **entire class is invited** to participate. Be sure to include your associate members, and especially work at getting the new members to attend.
9. Keep Christ in the **center** of your fellowships. You can provide a Christ-centered devotional, a testimony, or you might focus on prayer requests and praises before a meal.
10. Encourage members to **invite unchurched friends** to fellowships. Friends may come to a fellowship activity long before they will come on Sunday.

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2. **Motivate** – When asking someone to be part of a team (like refreshment or recreation team), make sure they know the importance of why that team is needed. **Give responsibility** – As the leader, remember how important it is to give people responsibility with parameters. Make sure they know their responsibilities.
3. Set **specific expectations** – After you enlist your team, give them a timeline with due dates. Be specific with your expectations of the team.
4. **Follow through** – It's important to give responsibility away but still maintain some involvement. Follow up to make sure your team is on task. Answer any questions the team might have come up with.
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