

# Organizing Care Groups for Sunday School

Prospect Group (not enrolled)	Prayer Group (new members: recently enrolled)	Potential Group (inactive: attend 0- 12 times annually)	Pivotal Group (Attend 12-30 times annually)	Partnership Group (Attend 30+ times annually)
Joshua	John	James	Jerry	Joe
Michelle	Mandy	Mary	Melanie	Molly
Danny	Donnie	Darrell	David	Doug
Sheila	Sharon	Sally	Susan	Stephanie
Ray	Rick	Rob	Ron	Reggie
Darlene	Debbie	Diane	Donna	Dee

Prospects	Prayer	Potential	Pivotal	Partnership
<p>These are people discovered as prospects for your class, develop simple ministry ideas to reach out to them and interest them in your Sunday School class.</p>	<p>These are people recently enrolled in Sunday School. Consistently uphold covenant promise of praying, sharing, and caring for them through calls, cards, and creative contacts.</p>	<p>These are people who have dropped out or have never really become active. Renew the covenant promise of praying, sharing, and caring for them through calls, cards, and creative contacts.</p>	<p>These are the people you need to give added attention. With proper personal care and mentoring they could become partners in ministry. Without proper care they will decrease in attendance. Be consistent in contacts and spend time with them.</p>	<p>In addition to contacts these people should be receiving training that will enable them to be effective leaders. Encourage, challenge, train, and care for these people.</p>

**Sample Care Groups:**  
Please note how each group contains a balance of the various types of members. Balanced groups provide a better experience for each Care Group Leader. Leaders are from the Partnership Group. Make sure that all class members are assigned to a Care Group Leader.

**Sample Care Group #1**

**Joe (leader)**  
**Jerry (co-leader)**  
**James**  
**John**  
**Joshua**

**Sample Care Group #2**

**Molly (Leader)**  
**Melanie (co-leader)**  
**Mary**  
**Mandy**  
**Michelle**



## Contacting Care Group Members

**Every Week:** Each person in the Care Group (except the prospects) should be contacted to inquire about their prayer requests and to hear praise reports. Whenever permission is given, share the prayer requests/praise reports during the Sunday School Leadership Meeting and/or Class Meeting.

**Prospects:** Seek each month to make a personal contact by phone or in-home visit. Discover needs and minister appropriately. As you build a bridge of relationship, invite them to class parties. Always present the opportunity to share the Gospel, but obtain permission (May I share with you . . .).

**Prayer Group:** Since these are newly enrolled members, use a variety of approaches to build a bridge of relationship. Phone calls should be used to update your prayer list, door-step visits should be utilized to share gifts (fresh baked good, Sunday School material, etc.), and ministry action should take place whenever needs are discovered.

**Potential Group:** Since these people may be inactive (chronic absentees) give extra attention to ministry to them, rather than “hounding” them about attending. In fact, avoid discussions of attendance. It would be wise to “reconnect” with these people by stating how the Sunday School class has not always ministered like it should, but that the class has recommitted to minister to every member through praying, sharing, and caring. Assure them from now on you will be praying and caring for them. The majority of contacts should be by phone until ministry needs are discovered and appropriate actions need to be taken. Demonstrate that the class is committed to care for them, whether they attend or not.

**Pivotal Group:** In addition to a variety of phone calls, cards, and personal contacts; the Care Group Leader should seek to involve these people in ministry action to the other Care Group members. Seek to develop them as leaders for the near future.

**Partnership Group:** These are leaders, but leaders need care also. Make sure that each one is assigned to a Care Group Leader.

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## Enrollment Covenant

Are you enrolled in life-changing Bible Study?

In this world, everyone needs someone to pray for them. I would like the privilege of placing your name on a prayer list in a Bible Study group. You are not obligated to us, we are obligated to you. We will pray for you, share with you, and care for you and your family — if a need arises. At some point you may decide to come, if you do attend, you will not be asked to preach, pray, or lead the singing — just enjoy the fellowship of those who care for you! May I add you to our Bible Study group prayer list?