



VINTAGE**CHURCH**

# CG LEADER GATHERING

April 2, 2019

# Love God, Love Neighbor

## Announcements

- May discipleship
- Vintage West

## 2019 - Love God, Love Your Neighbor

### Hebrews 13:1-2

“Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”

### Support texts:

- Exodus 23:9
- Deuteronomy 10:17-19
- Ephesians 2:13-19
- Matthew 25:31-40

### What gets in the way?

- Our culture fears or ignores strangers.
- Our idols keep us from loving strangers.

### Matt Chandler’s Four Buckets of Idolatry:

1. Self
2. Others
3. The World
4. Religion

The idol of self asks, will this jeopardize/consume my..

### What’s the cure? Romans 12:1-13

1. We remember the mercy we’ve found in God
2. We become living sacrifices and continually renounce our idols
3. We love strangers



## Practicals

- Not adding to your job description (see Appendix 1)
- Tactics
  - Keep watch for Gospel Opportunities
    - Gospel truth
    - Gospel work
- Where to start?
  - Prepare
    - Prayer - consider prayer walks
    - Meet your neighbors/co-workers (if you haven't)
    - Involve your existing community
    - Keep watch
  - Act
    - Find a Gospel bridge and cross it
    - See a need, fill a need - see Appendix 2
  - Dig in
    - Celebrate easily
    - Hold fast to God
    - Navigate challenges with your community
    - Stay present and faithful

## Further reading:

- The Gospel Comes With a House Key by Rosaria Butterfield
- Community by Brad House

## Last Announcements

- Summer Gospel-Centered Life
- Deaconship



# APPENDIX 1: CG LEADER ROLE DESCRIPTION

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

## Qualifications

- Be a member actively fulfilling the duties as outlined in the Vintage Church membership covenant.
- Fulfill the character qualifications of a deacon as taught in Scripture. (1 Tim. 3:8-13)
- Have a personal commitment to seeing Jesus' mission for the local church, specifically the making of disciples, take place in community groups. (Matt. 28:18-20, John 20:21, Acts 1:8)
- Have a personal commitment to the well being of the church and of community group members.
- Complete Community Group Leader Training
- Recommended: Be an active member of a Downtown CG for at least 6 months prior to leading.

## Expectations & Responsibilities

- Lead your group in making disciples both inside and outside your regular occurring gatherings:
  - **Know the Gospel:** Be a primary leader for your group's regular gatherings, in which you consistently study scripture together in order to make disciples.
  - **Live the Gospel:** Champion the sharing of each other's lives in your group, both inside and outside regular gatherings, in order to make disciples.
  - **Advance the Gospel:** Lead your group members in living missional lives outside regular gatherings, in order to make disciples.
- Equip members of your group to assist in accomplishing group functions and priorities.
- Consider yourself a generally available connection resource for visitors at whichever Sunday gathering you already attend.
- Report attendance for every normal community group gathering through Fellowship One.
- Meet (in person) with your community group coach at least once a quarter.
- Attend twice annual Community Group Leader Gatherings (Spring and Fall).
- Represent (or delegate representation of) your community group at twice-annual CG Connects.

## Desired Outcomes

- That you would be supported in your role, connected with church leadership, and thriving in your faith and the fellowship of the church.
- That your community group members would thrive in their faith and the fellowship of the church too.
- That you would feel sufficiently prepared and supported in navigating changes, challenges, and growth in your group.



# APPENDIX 2: MEETING A NEED MATRIX

## Adapted from Fellowship Raleigh's Mission & Mercy Ministries Priority Matrix

### Intro

This is not meant to be a rigid, heartless objectification. Our prayer as a church is that the Holy Spirit guides you and your group into meeting needs that will truly love and serve others. However, in order to keep us on the same page, this matrix details the priorities of meeting needs in your context. It doesn't mean we never do the things that are listed as lower priorities. It DOES mean that, as God leads and enables, we want to serve with an emphasis on relationships with people, not projects, and to develop a robust theology of the city, recognizing that God has determined the time and the boundaries of the city we now live in (Acts 17). Also, this matrix initially assumes that you are interested in meeting needs in a way that furthers your own faithfulness to God, is edifying for others, and is in accordance with his word.

### Surveying the need:

Describe the need you would like to meet in short here:

Now, using the criteria below, circle the options that describe this opportunity. You'll use the numbers on the left to produce your score on the back:

#### WHERE

3. This need is very close in geographic proximity to your CG or Vintage Church Downtown.
2. This need is somewhat close geographical proximity to your CG or Vintage Church Downtown.
1. This need is not in close proximity to your CG or Vintage Church Downtown.

#### WHO

5. You have an existing relationship and this person is already connected with Vintage Church.
4. You have an existing relationship and this person is a doubter or seeker.
3. You don't have a current relationship but there's a likely opportunity for relationship.
2. You don't have a current relationship and there's an unlikely opportunity for relationship.
1. You have an existing relationship and this person is connected with another church.

#### WHAT

3. This idea includes opportunity for conversation or interaction with people.
2. This idea is primarily a service project or tangible needs assistance.
1. This idea is primarily financial assistance.



ACCESS – this can be to material resources (food, money, etc.) or social, emotional, or relational resources. An example of the latter could be someone who has provision but lacks community.

4. This is a significant need and those in need have minimal access to resources.
3. This is a significant need and those in need have some access to resources.
2. This is a less than significant need, those in need have minimal access to resources.
1. This is a less than significant need, those in need have some access to resources.

## Score:

Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Who: \_\_\_\_\_

What: \_\_\_\_\_

Access: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Score Assessment:

- 12-15: Excellent! Stay in prayer over this opportunity and come up with a plan on how you can start meeting this need.
- 8-11: Look at your lowest scoring area or areas. If you have a 1 on any of the four sections, hold off until you can identify a way to build relationships, increase interactions, or identify needs that are closer or with folks who have less access to resources. If your scores are low across at least three of the four areas, stay watchful and prayerfully consider other opportunities to serve in your context.
- 4-7: Hold off and prayerfully consider other opportunities to serve in your context. However, if the Lord is at work in this, stay faithful to him and not this matrix.



# APPENDIX 3: EXPOSING IDOLS

*From Gospel by J.D. Greear, pg. 71-75*

## WHAT ONE THING DO YOU MOST HOPE IS IN YOUR FUTURE?

Career success? A certain salary? Owning your own home? Owning a second one at the beach? Getting married? Seeing your kids grow up to be successful? Having the respect of your teammates? Going pro? Being loved and respected by your colleagues? What is it that, without it, life would hardly seem worth living?

## WHAT IS THE ONE THING YOU MOST WORRY ABOUT LOSING?

What one thing could you just absolutely not get along without? Your family? Your job? The love of your spouse? The respect of your kids?

## IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT YOURSELF RIGHT NOW, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Would you lose thirty pounds? Would you change your looks? Your marital status? Your job? Your zip code? Would you have your kids come home? There is certainly nothing wrong with desiring to change our lives. But when we couldn't imagine being happy unless something changes, we have an idol.

## WHAT THING HAVE YOU SACRIFICED THE MOST FOR?

Sacrifice and worship almost always go hand in hand. What have you worked the hardest for? To get the scholarship? To obtain the perfect body? To land the job? To be the best in your field? To get to a certain income level? What you prize most is shown by what you pursue the hardest.

## WHO IS THERE IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU FEEL LIKE YOU CAN'T FORGIVE, AND WHY?

An ex-husband ruined your reputation and stole the best years of your life? Your wife who cheated on you and publicly humiliated you? An irresponsible or unethical partner who ruined your business? A close friend who stole your boyfriend? A drunk driver who killed your child? When you cannot forgive someone, it is usually because they took something from you that you depended on for life, happiness, and security.

## WHEN DO YOU FEEL THE MOST SIGNIFICANT?

When do you hold your head up the highest? What is there that you hope people find out about you? Do you constantly mention your job, or the job you think you're going to have when you graduate, or where you got your degree from? Are you always looking for ways to show off your house or car? Your identity is whatever makes you feel the most significant. What makes you feel the most significant is what you put the most weight upon.

## WHAT TRIGGERS DEPRESSION IN YOU?

That your kids never call? The fact that your marriage doesn't look like it's ever going to get better? Is it that you have reached a certain age and still aren't married? Is it when you don't get the recognition you know you deserve? Is it how little you've accomplished? Depression is [often] triggered when something we deemed essential for life and happiness is denied to us.



## WHERE DO YOU TURN FOR COMFORT WHEN THINGS ARE NOT GOING WELL?

Maybe you bury yourself in your work to numb the fact that your wife ignores you and your kids are drifting away from you. Or perhaps you find escape in the arms of a lover. Some sensual pleasure, like pornography or comfort food? Perhaps alcohol or drugs?

Do these questions reveal certain patterns in your life? St. Augustine said that things like worry, fear, sadness, and deep depression are “smoke from the fires” rising from the altars of our idolatry. Follow the trail of that smoke and you’ll see where you have substituted something for God.

