



Leadership Tips

(I) STOP, LOOK, LISTEN

Leaders need to develop a skilled awareness of their effect on the group. Here are three important ways in which leaders can increase their sensitivity.

Stop : Learn to stop on time. People will turn you off when you go beyond the scheduled time. Sometimes it can't be helped. But we must realize that people have places to go and things to do.

Look : As you teach, are you getting eye contact from people in the group, or are they staring off into space? Are they looking at the clock, yawning, or falling asleep? Are they gathering their books and Bibles, getting ready for dismissal? Has anyone left? Watch group reactions.

Listen : Is your voice the only one you hear? Have you been hearing it for a long time? If you are too wordy, you'll lose the attention and respect of the group.

From Your Guide to Successful Home Bible Studies by Norma Spande

(II) WHAT TO DO WHEN NO ONE ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

Here are a few words of encouragement for the leader who occasionally (or always!) meets blank stares when he or she asks questions :

1. **Never answer your own question.** If you have to, reword the question. Avoid the temptation to give your opinion or direct the group toward the answer you have already formulated – that is a guessing game, not a discussion.

2. **Wait out the pause.** The group members are digging up answers during this interlude. Don't distract them.

3. **Get more than one answer before you move on.** Ask what others think, even if you get a satisfactory answer the first time. You may get an answer that sounds like one that's already been given but opens up a whole new perspective on the idea.

4. **Acknowledge all contributions.** Show that you've heard and appreciate every contribution, even if it's not "right". Remember that acknowledgement can be non-verbal as well!

Ideas from Key to Parish Life, a manual by Robert D Nix Jr, St Stephen's Church, Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Care Group Ministry



Especially for
Care Group Leaders
&
Assistant Leaders



BEDOK METHODIST CHURCH
CARE GROUP MINISTRY

**Our goal : To Be A Strategic Partner
of the Church Vision -**

To Make Disciples For Jesus Christ

Announcing

1. ECP (Evangelistic Christmas Party) –
16 Dec – 24 Dec
 - ❑ Set a date for a party for your loved ones or friends. Invite them
 - ❑ Attend Training Sessions on Tues nights between 15 Nov – 6 Dec
 - ❑ Pray for God to grant us a plentiful harvest.
2. Alpha Course beginning 19 Jan 06
 - ❑ Start praying for God to lead you to pre-believers who will come for the Course.
 - ❑ Pray regularly for these pre-believers.
 - ❑ Invite them for the Course
3. CG Leaders & Assistant Leaders' Appreciation Tea – 17 Dec 05, 3 – 4.30 pm
 - ❑ Your contribution in this Ministry is greatly appreciated and we would really love to have your presence at this gathering. See you there!

May our hearts & actions
reflect the magic and
love that is Christmas.



WHAT IS YOUR STRONG SUIT?

Ps 138:3 (New Living Translation)
“When I pray, you answer me; you encourage me
by giving me the strength I need”.

Leaders attribute their strength to any number of sources – their upbringing and family life, a network of supporters who keep them going, a loving spouse, and outstanding mentor and role model.

But there are other sources of strength that are far more powerful and have a far more lasting effect – namely God and His Word. When you draw strength from His Spirit and the Bible, you tap into a source of energy that will last through eternity. Couple that with your own inner resolve, and you have what it takes to keep you going and going.

Maintaining the strength you need to continue to be effective as a leader requires a fair amount of exercise. Keeping spiritually fit is the key and that involves an intimate relationship with God, one that you nurture and protect at all costs.

David and the other psalmists understood that paradox well. In praying to God and praising Him, they found the strength to face their enemies – and their own weaknesses – and overcome them.

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Most people sense their strength failing them at times; it's part of being human. Whenever you feel that happening to you, whenever you detect a weakness in your role as a leader or in your everyday life, ask God to give you the strength you need. Learn to see your weaknesses not as a liability but as a reminder that God wants you to turn to Him in complete dependence.

Adapted - "Checklist for Life for Leaders"

Reflection questions:

- ✓ Recognize the toll the demands of leadership can take
- ✓ List your weaknesses and ask God to give you strength in those areas
- ✓ Turn to God before I begin to feel drained
- ✓ Develop a spiritual fitness programme incorporating prayer, Bible reading and Bible study



My personal reflection / prayers :-

