



## Leader Guide to Growth Group Homework

For the week of May 30, 2010

*(This guide gives you some helpful hints in preparing and leading your group in discussion. For an extensive guide, please listen to the audio resource.)*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Discuss Plans for the Fall & fill out Feedback Forms:** Ask your group members if they know what their plans are for Fall, in regards to being a part of your group. Have your group fill out their Feedback Forms. Let them know that their honest feedback is important for you as leader and host. Make sure you allow plenty of time to complete the forms. Collect them at the end of the meeting and review them with your host. Deliver them to the office by June 6. You can also drop them off at the Growth Group drop box in your venue or mail them to us. You also may want to discuss any plans for a summer social with your group.

**New Fall Growth Group Leaders:** Let your group know we're praying for leaders and hosts for 70 + new Growth Groups. We're growing fast and need help!

**People needed to help with Move to New Campus:** see "All Hands on Deck." below

This is our final week of the Spring Quarter. Along with an abbreviated study, you will take some time to reflect on your group experience and then have communion together. You will also fill out Feedback Forms about your group experience and your plans for the Fall. Growth Groups will take a summer break and resume the week of September 19. *Thanks for being part of your Growth Group and have a great summer! Note: The first question under "My Story" could be a great way to start your group and discuss plans for the summer at the same time. The two questions in the "Remembering How God has Worked" section are designed to get the group sharing about their Growth Group experience this past year and segue into communion. Watch your time to ensure you are able to spend time in the "remembering" section.*

**ALL HANDS ON DECK! – We need over 1,500 people to help with projects during the next few weeks to finalize the move to North Santa Fe. Check out what needs to be done and how to get involved on the back of this week's homework!**

### MY STORY

Summer is just around the corner! Do you have any special plans, activities or prayer requests for the next few months? *Have everyone respond to this one. Write down plans and prayer requests. Follow up on the plans and prayer requests with returning members in the Fall.*

Looking back at this weekend's teaching on "Friends Tell Friends," was there a particular point, comment or verse that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

### DIGGING DEEPER & TAKING IT HOME

This week we heard how "friends tell friends the real truth." Obviously, there are a variety of ways we can have this kind of influence based on our relationship with those around us and how God has designed us. How do Paul's words to the Colossian church in Colossians 4:2-6 affirm and further help us understand what it takes to influence our friends for Christ?

As a result of this week's teaching regarding the influence you have on your friends, do you sense God calling you to...

...change the character you portray and the way you care about those in your circle of influence?

...be a bit more open about going to church and your commitment to Christ?

...begin to invite some friends to church to come and see?

...ask some questions and tell the truth to those you regularly encounter?

*If you have time, this may be a good question to go over as application for this week's message*

### REMEMBERING HOW GOD HAS WORKED

One of the ways to be encouraged to effectively live out our faith is teaming up and living life with others. Looking back at this past quarter and year, how has your Growth Group experience affirmed, encouraged and/or challenged you in your connection and influence with others, and what it means to follow Christ?

*Good question to have everyone answer.*

One of the keys to remembering the influence we can have on others is to remember Jesus' ultimate example of what it means to love, serve, and care for others. That's why Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper to repeatedly come together and take communion. It would remind them of His total commitment of love and faithfulness to all as revealed in His life, death and resurrection.

This week, your Growth Group will conclude by doing as the disciples did by taking communion together. To prepare for this, read the following verses and reflect on Jesus' commitment and work in your life as you follow Him.

#### Communion

1) *Explain that we want to end the Growth Group year by remembering and celebrating Christ's death and resurrection.*

2) *Read the verses below. You can ask people to respond to them, or just comment on them yourself. Use the Corinthians passage to take you into communion*

3) *Pass the bread, thank the Lord for it, and eat together. Pass the cup, thank the Lord for it, and drink together.*

4) *Move into prayer time, thanking Jesus for His commitment to love us and how He is working in our lives as people shared in your group.*

Psalm 103:8-13: *God loves us and has compassion on us.*

John 15:9-15: *Doing what God calls us to do shows our love for God. Jesus performed the ultimate act of love by giving his life so we could have life.*

1 Corinthians 11:23-26: *Jesus said that communion was instituted to help us remember how much he loves us.*

*Close in Praise Song (optional).*

*Have everyone fill out a Feedback Form (if you didn't last week).*

*Dessert Time!*

## **ALL HANDS ON DECK! Over 1,500 people needed at the new North Santa Fe church property!**

Volunteers are needed NOW to help get ready for the move! Below is a brief list of projects that will be taking place over the next three weeks.

### **Saturday - June 5**

- ⇒ Cleanup and trash pickup
- ⇒ Erosion control removal

### **Saturday - June 12**

- ⇒ Cleanup and trash pickup
- ⇒ Install playground sod
- ⇒ Install furniture

### **Saturday - June 19**

- ⇒ Install and hang playground iron rod fence
- ⇒ Landscape High School area
- ⇒ Final cleanup inside and outside

**\*Weekly Cleanups** – 6:30-8:30 PM, Tues, Wed, & Thurs.

To sign up or view more projects, go to the Community Service website, [www.northcoastchurch.com/service](http://www.northcoastchurch.com/service)



### **REAL MAN MORNING 8:30 – 10:00 AM Sat, Aug. 21**

Come join us for this all man event. Mikey Esparza, from the morning show on 94.9FM "The Mikey Show," will be sharing his story of how in the midst of incredible success he began to crash and burn and then saw God change and transform his life. This event is designed for men of all ages (boys to men). There will be free food (a continental "man" breakfast) and a full band leading us in worship. There is no charge for this event.

### **REAL MAN WEEKEND – "The Oakbridge Experience"- Oct. 23-25**

If you're looking for a weekend that will recharge or refresh you as a man following God, this is the weekend for you. Our speaker this year is our own Chris Brown. The weekend will also include plenty of man event options like paintball, mountain biking, sports, hiking, golf, sleeping & eating, etc. **More info coming soon!!**