**Community Group Leader Sync**

**December 9, 2018**

**“Knowing Your People Well”**

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**Teaching: Knowing Your People Well**

*3 Essentials to Godly Assessment*

1-Ask Heart-Revealing Questions. (instead of assuming)

Proverbs 20:5—*”The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.”*

1. Describe the situation. (Proverbs 18:13,15,17)
2. What were you thinking/feeling? (Psalm 139:23-24; Ephesians 4:22-24)
3. What did you want? (Matthew 6:19-21)
4. How did you respond? (Luke 6:43-45)
5. What were the outcomes/consequences? (Galatians 6:7-8)
6. What is God trying to teach you? (1 Peter 1:6-7)

\*adapted from *Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands* by Paul Tripp

2-Listen to Understand. (instead of advising first)

Proverbs 27:23a*—"Know well the condition of your flocks.”*

1. Listen for lies they say to themselves.
2. Listen for motives of the heart.
3. Listen for testimony of Christ.

3-Trace the Fruit to the Root. (instead of just focusing on the fruit)

**Touch point with Coaching Groups**

Practice the heart-revealing questions in small groups.

**Announcements**

* Redemption Groups launch March 29-30, then meet the following 8 Monday nights.
* New Friday men’s study begins January 25. New women’s studies begin January 30.
* Next Leader Sync is Sunday, January 20, during 1st service.

**Four Oaks Benevolence: Who Do We Serve?**

“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” – Galatians 6:10

* **Vision**

In coordination with the Care Mobilization Team, the Benevolence Team seeks to serve people when they need financial help. However, benevolence extends beyond financial assistance to include budget counseling, prayer, and helping the person/family know they are never alone. The Benevolence Team aspires to represent Four Oaks as a discerning, yet caring, compassionate, and responsive congregation.

* **Priority of Who We Serve**

The Benevolence Team was created primarily to consider the needs of church members, particularly those in financial crisis and who don’t have access to resources from family (i.e., single moms and widows). However, the team also works with regular attendees, neighbors, and others being ministered to by church members. Generally, the stronger the individual’s association with the church, the stronger the benevolence team’s commitment to see that his/her needs are met.

**Priority of Benevolence**

The Community

Relationships Within The Church

Regular Church Attendees

Church Members

* **Contacting the Benevolence Team**

Requests should be made by completing the “Care Request Form” at fouroakschurch.com/care. Once a care request has been made, the care mobilization team will assess needs and refer any requests for financial help or counseling to the benevolence team for consideration. Individual members of the benevolence team can be personally contacted as well, but those conversations will be brought back to the whole team before any financial decisions are made.