

Growing Small Groups

(Summary by Pastor Greg Moser of the Sunday School Conference held at Green Ridge by Josh and Missy Hunt, March 2006)

1. **It really is all about RELATIONSHIPS!**

The long and short of the conference is that we must do whatever it takes to invest in the lives of the people God sends our way. Asking an individual or a couple out to eat or over to your house creates an environment where you can get to know one another more intimately. The end result is that they will feel loved and will want to listen to what you have to say.

2. **"When people are not missed, they miss!"**

This stresses the importance of our Care Groups in our classes. We **MUST** be organized effectively in order to minister to those in our classes--both members and prospects. No one should ever leave the church due to negligence on the part of one of our classes! We should love people enough to organize ourselves so that we can effectively minister to those God sends our way.

3. **"Eventually, growth will kill a small group!"**

The goal of every class is to continue to grow to the point that they birth another class from within their own. Every class should make that a prayer request every week. There must be a sacrificial spirit about the members of each class--a willingness to leave some friends in one class in order to make new friends in another from evangelistic endeavors. Don't forget the principles from the conference that will help you double your class in two years or less:

- **T**-Teach a halfway decent lesson
- **I**-Invite every member and every prospect to every fellowship every month
- **G**-Give Friday nights (or any time you choose) to Jesus
- **E**-Encourage the group to ministry
- **R**-Reproduce new groups

As we commit to these principles, God will bless our selfless spirits and we will see the mighty hand of God change lives through our obedience. Do YOU want to see your class double in two years or less? Whose life are you going to invest in to make that happen?

Renewing Our Passion,
Pastor Greg