



A Sunday School Class Care Group Ministry

What is a Sunday School Class Care Group Ministry?

“A Sunday School Class care group ministry is simply a grouping of all class members for the expressed purpose of making regular contacts for prayer, communication, and the discovery and meeting of needs.”

Purpose of a Class Care Group Ministry

To develop personal relationships, provide class and church information, encourage membership participation, and provide spiritual uplifting through prayer, Christian love, and Christ-like compassion.

Goal of a Class Care Group Ministry

To develop a strong Christ-like relational bond between members that will increase class and church member participation and help with church membership retention.

The Class Care Group Director

The Care Group Director is the person responsible for seeing that every person on the class's enrollment list is contacted on a regular schedule, and is receiving ministry and encouragement. In a large class the care group director will have several assistant care group directors to help in making contact with individual care group leaders.

The Class Care Group Leader(s)

The goal is to provide one Care Group Leader for every four to six Class members. The Care Group Leader(s) work with the Class's Teacher and class Care Group Director to ensure that every member is contacted regularly including absentee contacts, crisis contacts, encouragement contacts, and social event reminders, etc.

The primary responsibilities of Care Group Leaders are:

- Be a personal example of a caring, growing Christian and faithful Church member.
- Develop a meaningful personal relationship with each care group member.
- Contact every care group member weekly to thank them for their attendance, or to let them know they were missed at Sunday School, encouraging or recognizing their faithfulness and overall class participation and church service. Also, when contacting, asks them for prayer requests if they were absent, and informs them of current class activities, and prayer request you may be aware of.
- Minister to care group members by maintaining confidential information that may have been shared. Seek to be aware of and to meet any special needs and requests of each individual care group member.
- Organize the class to assist members in times of emergency or crisis.
- Communicate with the class when special needs arise.
- Remember special dates (birthday, anniversary, etc.) by sending a card, e-mail message or making a personal phone call.
- Pray for care group members daily, knowing their joys and concerns.
- Visit with care group members socially outside of the church.
(Meet for a meal or just a cup of coffee to talk and get to know each other personally at least quarterly)
- Keep a record/journal of contact with each group member.
- Set an example by regularly attending Sunday School, church evening services, and weekly church activities to strengthen your personal ministry and personal witness.