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December Consistory Report

1. Connection Groups

- a. We're in a push through the end of the year to have all groups meet with their Community Leader. I want to make sure that groups are guided and coached as well as the having leaders feeling like they are supported.
- b. Most groups still seem to be getting into the flow of things, but they seem to be going fairly well overall! Some of the groups have been meshing really well and are starting to look into serving opportunities and other things to spend time outside of group. This is why I was hoping to get groups together. Praise God!
- c. We will be promoting groups again in January. I'm hoping that some people that may have been on the fence will jump in and get involved. A new year and a new decade might help people wanting to make a change to get connected in Biblical community!

2. Next Steps/Assimilation

- a. I've been working on putting together a list of some of the struggles/realities that we face when it comes to getting people connected and involved in church. I have several ideas that we can try based on research I've been doing. I will have a meeting on Thursday, December 19 at 3:30 if you would like to come and listen to some of the ideas! The more people invested means that more people care and are looking for ways to help people connect.
- b. I'm trying to make it as clear as possible for people on hospitality, consistory, and normal attenders to get involved to get the process started. Right now we are struggling to connect with people on Sunday to get people to fill out their information. If we have as many people involved as possible, hopefully we can connect with people and bring them to the Connection Center.
- c. We are also going to have Good News 101 classes every other month and Good News 201 classes two times a year. This is another opportunity for new guests to take small steps to find out ways to grow in their faith and get connected to Good News.
- d. I'm looking to build a Connections Team/team that can be at the Connection Center each week. This person would be available to answer questions and help guests. If you would like to or you know of someone that might be good in that role, let me know!
- e. I believe if there are multiple clear ways for guests and for people who aren't connected to take steps, it will begin to make a difference.

3. Work as Worship Conference

- a. Through our RightNow Media account, we get access to host a simulcast of the Work As Worship Conference on May 15th from 8AM- 3PM for free! We are signed up and ready to host.
 - b. The cost is \$30 and attendees have to register through RightNow Media. We get \$15 back for each attendee for breakfast, coffee, and snacks. I put in a request to Mayor Paul TenHaken to come for a prayer breakfast before the conference starts so I'm hoping we can get that arranged!
 - c. This will be a really cool event to serve the community and help businessmen and women combine their work with worship. If you want to check out the lineup, check out this link <https://www.workasworshipretreat.org/>
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- a. Working to see if this is a fit for us! I sent out an email. Make sure you read it and let me know if you have any questions.