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October Consistory Report

1. Connection Groups
  - a. All of our groups have started. We kicked off 8 of them this fall! There are 12 groups overall!
  - b. Most of the groups have a substantial number of people/couples in them, but three of them currently only have 2 couples including the leaders... there are still many people out there that need to be in groups.
  - c. I'm planning on working with Kayla to create a video with testimonies from people who joined groups this fall so we can play it in January and February. I'd like to open up the smaller groups again for people to join.
  - d. Community Leaders will reach out and follow up with the new group leaders before the end of the year to ensure they are feeling supported.
2. Hospitality/Next Steps
  - a. My big push right now is to find out how we can get better at welcoming and guest assimilation.
  - b. I've done lots of research and I'm currently reading a book called *People Are the Mission: How Churches Can Welcome Guests Without Compromising the Gospel* to figure out what we can do to make guests feel welcome from car to car (the second they step out of the car until they get back in their car)
  - c. I'm currently working on putting together ideas for hospitality/next steps so that in December I can sit down with my Connections Team/staff/any Consistory or other people interested to go through where we are at and see if there are any places we can try things out to see if they work. I want to make very clear ways for guests to be known on the first day they come and then take steps to becoming part of our church and the Body of Christ.
  - d. I've also sat down with Kayla to figure out how we can have a clear "hub" for guests or anybody that is seeking information to go on the website. Clarity and concision is going to give us the best chance to connect with people. We also added a chat and a "Plan Your Visit" button to help people connect with us. These were FREE!
  - e. Ultimately the best way to connect with people is for us (I mean everyone in the church) to go and connect with guests. Most people will not come up and seek information by themselves because they just want to slide under the radar, BUT I believe that if we make easy onboarding opportunities for people and if we

provide clear steps to get more connected, more and more people will start taking them. Please pray for the steps and for people to take them!!

3. Sermon Questions

- a. I've still been meeting with Kevin/whoever is speaking to figure out the questions for our groups. The questions have had good responses from the groups that use them!
- b. The questions are available in two places on the website and also on the app. It's really easy to access!

4. Conquer Series

- a. We're in week 9. It's going well! I'm hoping to start another group again in January or February. If you want to take it for the first time, for the second time, or if you know of anybody who may be interested please let me know!