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October Consistory Report

1. Connection Groups

- a. My biggest push late summer and into the fall has been for Connection Groups. We just kicked off our four week series called "Better Together." The number of sign-ups went up quite a bit this last week so I'm really happy about that! We have had 15 paper sign-ups and 4 online sign-ups with more people interested each day.
- b. Each of the groups now have at least one person/couple that have signed up for it
- c. If you're not in a group, join one! If you know people that aren't in groups yet, challenge them to step out and be a part of the community. I truly believe that our guest retention and connection is going to be best when we have welcoming groups that we can point people to.

2. Training

- a. With the groups came a lot of training. I finished up training each group last week.
- b. I trained 13 groups. Everyone seemed to be excited and ready for the way Connection Groups are moving.
- c. Connection Leaders have been meeting with their Community Leaders (mentor/coaches) to go over their plans and figure out a system of support. I like this system a lot!

3. Sermon Questions

- a. I've been meeting with Kevin to figure out the sermon questions that we want to put out for groups to utilize. We're planning to stay at least one sermon series ahead.
- b. The questions are available in two places on the website and also on the app. It's really easy to access!

4. Hospitality Training

- a. I wrote out part of the Hospitality Training that I wanted Derek to use. He included it and is putting the Hospitality Team through the training this month. I'm excited to see how our team can grow by stepping out to meet people! The training is very practical and useful!
- b. If you want to read more, pick up a book called "Becoming a Welcoming Church" from Derek and let me know what comments you have.

5. Guest Retention

- a. I keep a list of all the guests that sign in on the friendship pad each week. I also keep track of times that they return after their first visit and any communication that I've had with them. (most people don't leave contact information)
 - i. From the beginning of June we have had 72 people/families that have attended for the first time.
 - ii. 9 of those people/families are people that I would consider "regular attenders" currently. That's 11%. (statistics show that a healthy number is 20%... not too far off!)
6. Conquer Series
- a. We're in week 5 now. 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!