

# CCW Small Group Leader Training

*Session #1, August 3, 2008*



**Calvary Chapel Wilmington  
Small Groups  
Training Workshop  
August 12th & 19th, 7 - 9 pm**



# Purpose and Vision

- Effective ministry through small groups
- “Everyone is ministering, all the time”  
*As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.  
1 Peter 4:0*
- Relationships: *Trust, encouragement, accountability, prayer*
- This training is a *guideline* – not strict rules. *Freedom + Unity*

# Why Small Groups?

- Pattern demonstrated in the early church
- Supplement to the public service
- Setting for developing loving relationships in the community of believers

# What is a Small Group?

- A group that meets regularly for:
  - *Spiritual growth*
  - *Learning to minister*
  - *Learning to serve*
  - *Spiritual gifts*
  - *Nurture relationships*
- Different formats, same foundation:  
*Love God, Love others, Live in obedience, Lead others to walk with God.*

# Love God

- **The Greatest commandment:**  
*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. Matt 22:37-38*
- **The small group leader is one who displays a genuine love for God – and it shows!**

# Love Others

- **The second commandment:**  
*And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.* “Matt 22:39-40
- In other words, *all of the law centers on our relationship with God, and our relationship with others!*
- **Passion for God = Passion for others**

# Live in Obedience

- Jesus said:  
*“If you love me, keep my commandments”*  
*John 14:15*
- Not that we are ‘perfect’, but we have a sincere desire to obey God in all things ...according to the scriptures

# Lead Others

- Paul wrote:  
*“Follow me as I follow Christ” 1 Cor 1:11*
- The mark of a mature believer is one who leads others into a walk with Christ.
- As we seek to follow Christ, others are encouraged to do the same by our example.

# Consider...

- How you express your *love for God*
- How you express your *love for others*
- How God has *shaped your character*
- How you have *reached out to others*

**15 MINUTE BREAK**