



GRACE GROUP LEADER GROWTH RESOURCES

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Please read this summation of:

Shepherding God's People by Siang-Yang Tan **Chapter 14 - Small Groups and Fellowships**

- God created us to be relational human beings who need others, and the importance of community is emphasized throughout Scripture.
- We see the following biblical principles of community life in the teachings of Jesus:
 - he chose the twelve disciples to be with him and learn from him (Mark 3:14)
 - he showed and taught the importance of outreach to others (Matt. 9:37-38)
 - he taught how to have healthy community by engaging in godly confrontation and avoiding gossip in conflict situations (Matt. 18)
 - he demonstrated true selfless servanthood and challenged his disciples to do likewise in service to one another (John 13)
 - in restoring Peter, Jesus taught that love for him is expressed in caring for and nurturing other disciples (John 21)
- Paul expressed biblical principles of community life in his letters:
 - show devotion to one another in love (Romans 12:10)
 - in community with one another, seek harmony (Romans 12:16)
 - do not pass judgment on another (Romans 14:13)
 - show interest in one another (1 Corinth. 12:25)
 - serve one another humbly in love (Galatians 5:13)
 - confront and restore one another with gentleness (Galatians 6:1)
 - support one another by carrying one another's burdens in tangible and emotional ways (Galatians 6:2)
 - build one another up by using spiritual means (Ephesians 5:19)
 - be willing to submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21)
 - and so on

Questions to ponder:

1. Are you doing all of these things in your own life?
2. How can you instill these relational efforts into your group life?
3. By what measure will you be able to see the fruit of instilling these?

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