

Characteristics of Effective CARE Groups

Years of research has determined several principles of success for any small group ministry.

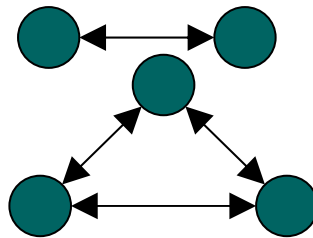
- **A group of 10-20 people**
 - Never allow a group to exceed the size parameters
 - Communication will be hindered by groups which are too large.

Communication Lines

$$N \times N - N = CL$$

$$2 \times 2 - 2 = 2$$

$$3 \times 3 - 3 = 6$$



$$10 \times 10 - 10 = \underline{90}$$

$$15 \times 15 - 15 = \underline{210}$$

- **Members gather regularly for scheduled meetings.**
 - Consistency is the key!

- **Members support through unscheduled life-giving interaction.**
 - Work to create community outside of the meeting
- **Members reach out to the hurting world.**
 - Never allow a group to become introspective
- **New leaders are mentored and released.**
 - Never allow a group to start without an apprentice
- **Group multiplication is a goal.**
 - Never allow a group to exist without healthy growth

