



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

10.01.09

Dear Life Group Leaders,

Well, I guess we're a little out of practice sending out materials because we made a few mistakes the first two weeks. We didn't get you any questions the first week and last week I failed to have the icebreakers uploaded on our website. But I think we're getting the bugs worked out. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

The questions this next week will focus on Luke 5:1-11 where Jesus calls his first disciples. It's a great passage, and I know you'll enjoy discussing it. To help you prepare, I've included a message on the passage by Pastor John Piper. I've also included the icebreakers from last week, as well as a terrific article on how to more effectively influence our small group members to grow in Christ. It's all about how we can become more winsome, so that others eagerly want to serve beside us. Please read the article even if you're not doing the messaged-based questions.

Finally, let me encourage you to take an excursion with your life group. One week from tomorrow, on October 9th, there will be a special dinner held for Jamin and Tamara York at Westwood Baptist Church in Olympia. More than 40 people from FBC are already planning to attend. There will be no charge for the meal. Instead, the giving that night will go towards the purchase of a new 4-wheel drive vehicle that the Yorks will use on the rough terrain they'll be traveling when they return to Tibet. Those of you who attended the Wycliffe Dinner four years ago will remember what a terrific time we had. The fundraising goal is \$20,000. Pray that we'll not only reach that goal, but exceed it by thousands of dollars. And if your life group members plan to attend, email me pastorgary@sheltonfbc.org or Sharon Johnson bobmjay@msn.com to confirm your reservation and how many will attend.

Thanks and God bless!

Pastor Gary