



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

10.25.09

Dear Life Group Leaders,

I hope this note finds you well. I know there are several in our church family who are fighting the flu right now. One of them is Pastor Glen. He's been very sick all week. Please pray for him and anyone else you know who is suffering from this thing.

The questions and other materials are ready for next week's study, which will be in Luke 5:27-38. It's a great passage on the radically new life that is ours in Christ. I'm including a sermon by John Piper on the same story in the book of Matthew. I think you'll enjoy it, especially the insights he offers on the difference between the fasting of the Pharisees and fasting as Christians today.

The other attachment I hope you'll take time to read is the coaching tip on how to incorporate new members into your group. Some of you have faced that challenge already this fall, and others of you will face it in the future. Sometimes we consider it a disruption to the group we've established. But this article shows us how to embrace it as a good thing and enfold the new person into our group, so they want to stay and become a permanent member. I think you'll find it very helpful.

Finally, let me remind you that we're praying for you and would love to have you share your requests with us. If there are any outstanding needs, major victories, or significant changes in your group, please let us know. We want to support you however we can.

God bless you!

Pastor Gary