

# con·nec·tion groups

*evangelism - fellowship - ministry - worship - discipleship*

## LEADERSHIP INTENSIVE 2008

edmond's first  
baptist church





## Leader's Guide


*Welcome to Leadership Intensive 2008!  
We are so glad that you are joining us in  
this exciting process. Our prayer is that  
God will bless you through this journey we  
are taking together.*


*the connection staff*





 **Overview**.....Page 4


 **Evangelism**.....Page 5


 **Fellowship**.....Page 6


 **Ministry**.....Page 7

 **Worship**.....Page 8

 **Discipleship**.....Page 9

 **Leadership Covenant Development Questions**.....Page 10

 **Notes**.....Pages 11-14

 **Leadership Covenant**.....Page 15



## OBJECTIVES

- Develop a leadership covenant for the small group leaders of Edmond's First Baptist Church.
- Study key passages in the New Testament related to leadership and the five purposes of the church.
- Participate in discussion-based Bible study in each division.
- Commit publically to the leadership covenant in a formal commissioning service.

## RALLIES



- Leadership Intensive 2008 will begin with a Kick-Off Rally on Sunday, July 13 at 6:00 pm. This event will be open to the entire church, but the focus will be upon casting a vision of covenant unity for Edmond's Small Group Leadership Core.
- The Celebration Rally, held on Sunday, August 17 at 6:00 pm, will mark the unveiling of EFBC's Leadership Covenant.

## STUDIES



- Sunday evenings of July 20 & 27 as well as August 3 & 10 will be used for divisions to study key passages in the Bible that will direct us in the creation of a Leadership Covenant.
- Times: 6:00 pm -8:00 pm
- Study Locations for Each Division:
  - **Preschool & Children:** Bob and Patti Liles, 917 Fox Hill (405) 285-7405
  - **Student:** Joe & Linda McKenzie, 3517 Ridgewood Drive (405) 341-4154
  - **College:** Billy & Angie Fuller, 524 Larkspur Lane (405) 285-1492
  - **Young Adult:** Don & Heather VanCuren, 2512 Mission Ridge Dr. (405) 715-3439
  - **Fifty Plus & Senior Adults:** Jerry & Jessele Miller, 2600 Asheshollow (405) 348-2394

## COMMISSIONING



- Leadership Intensive 2008 will conclude with a formal time of commitment during which EFBC's small group leadership core will publically agree to practice the Leadership Covenant together. This commitment time will include an alter call for the leaders, a reading of the covenant, a challenge by Pastor Day, and a prayer of dedication.
- Date: Sunday, September 7
- Location: Worship Center
- Time: 9:30 am



Mark 1:14-20 (Focal Verse:17)

As a part of my corporate evangelism, \_\_\_\_\_

---



1. What was your first job? Why did you leave it?
2. Would your friends call you impulsive? Why or why not?



3. What was the message Jesus preached in Galilee?
4. What impact do you think John's imprisonment had upon those to whom Jesus preached? The soon-to-be apostles? Zebedee?
5. What did these men leave? What did they risk?
6. Why do think the apostles were so willing to abandon everything to follow Jesus when it could lead to their own imprisonment?
7. Do you think the apostles understood the phrase "fishers of men?" Did they leave easily because Jesus promised to teach them a new vocation? What does the phrase mean?
8. Why is fishing for men the focus of their calling instead of other good things like giving to the poor and needy? What good things can you think of that Jesus did not make the focus of their calling?



9. If you're not a fisherman, what metaphor would Christ likely use with you?
10. Who fished for you? Who taught you to fish for men?
11. What have you abandoned so that you could learn to fish for men?
12. What keeps you from fishing sometimes? What keeps you from teaching others to fish?



James 5:7-20 (Focal Verse: 16)

As a part of my personal fellowship, \_\_\_\_\_



1. What is the strangest pet peeve you've ever heard of? Explain.
2. Describe one of your pet peeves. What's your typical reaction?
3. Who is James addressing?



4. What does James command believers to do in v7? (1:2)
5. What two reactions to their conflict does James warn them not to have? (v9, v12 – grumbling/swearing)
6. Could this warning imply that the believers in James' day were prone to grumbling and/or swearing during struggles?
7. What metaphor does James introduce in v7 to drive his point home? To better understand James' metaphor: In your occupation, how is patience required?
8. Why does James call those who have patiently endured "blessed by God"? (1:4)
9. What are the criteria for healing that James mentions in verse 16? Why does James command believers to pray rather than give advice? How does the command in verse 16 relate to the promise in verses 19 and 20?



10. How do some people handle trials in their life? Is it different or the same inside the church?
11. What impact does it have inside the church when members don't handle struggles correctly? How can it affect the fellowship?
12. Why is it difficult to confess your sins to another person? What role do gossip and rejection play?
13. Describe a time when someone prayed with you during a trial.



Colossians 3:18-4:1 (Focal Verses: 23-24)

As a part of my corporate ministry, \_\_\_\_\_



1. What do you like to do with your free time? What do you dread doing?
2. What do people mean when they say “put your heart into it”?
3. How do you know you’ve put your heart into something? Give an example.



4. In this passage there are six groups mentioned.
  - a. List each group
  - b. What is the command for that group?
  - c. Why would this group struggle to keep this command?
  - d. What is Paul’s solution for that struggle?

5. Why did Paul single out these groups? (don’t know)
6. What might have been Paul’s command to church leaders?
7. Why would this group struggle with that command?
8. What is Paul’s solution for this?



9. Who in your life has led you with all their heart?
10. What are some signs that a leader is serving whole-heartedly; half-heartedly?



Acts 1:12-26

As a part of my personal worship, \_\_\_\_\_



1. How do you make important decisions? How did you make them when you were younger? Describe why it changed or stayed the same?

2. Have you ever experienced something within a group that seemed to permanently bond you together? What was it?



3. What did the apostles do after Jesus appeared and ascended to Heaven? Why?

4. Do you think they were tempted to separate? Why do you believe they stuck together?

5. What do you think they talked about when they got to the crowded room in Jerusalem? Prayed about?

6. Of all the things Jesus taught them to do (preach and teach, baptize, help the poor), why do you think they choose to pray?

7. Why don't you think Luke records that they sang and preached as well? How does this impact your understanding of Worship?

8. How do you believe that Judas' betrayal affected their ability to pray together openly and honestly?

9. What happened immediately after these few days of intense prayer together (chapter 2)?



10. Describe the closest Christian group of which you've been a part? What part did prayer play in your group?

11. In a time of personal crisis, what group would you currently ask to pray for you?



Luke 11:37-46 (Focal Verse: 42)

As a part of my personal discipleship, \_\_\_\_\_



1. Have you ever been in an environment that had unnecessary rules? How did you react?
2. Describe the best boss you ever had. What made him or her such a good boss?



3. What makes the Pharisee in the story so amazed? Why is he focused on ritual washing? Why isn't Jesus?
4. Based on Christ's response, what is Jesus' reason for not washing before the meal? What kind of washing interests Christ?
5. What is the blockade Christ speaks of in verse 41 that keeps the Pharisees from being clean? What does the giving of the Pharisees lack?
6. What is Christ teaching the Pharisees about **tithing**? How is tithing related to garden herbs? What matters of the heart must accompany the tithe?
7. Base on Christ's warning in verse 43, how would you describe the Pharisees' **relationships** with others? What were the Pharisees looking for from their relationships?
8. What metaphor did Jesus use in verse 44 to describe the Pharisees' **ministry**? Considering how the Pharisees viewed tombs and the dead, what was the likely impact of this statement?



9. Considering Jesus' teaching about stewardship in this passage, who do you know that is a great boss over (steward of) his or her financial resources? Relationships? Ministry?
10. In your Christian life, which of these three areas has seen the most growth?
11. What is faithfulness in finances? Relationships? Ministry?



## Leadership Covenant Development Questions

Explore the Bible: develop and ask questions about our key scriptures to facilitate the unfolding of the commitment phrases

1. What are the setting, context and key concept of the verse(s)?
2. Who in your life has demonstrated this concept to you and how did he or she do it?
3. What are the traditional ways Christians apply this principle? Untraditional?
4. What are some of the needs you recognize that EFBC has regarding this principle?
5. What impact do you think it might have upon new or young believers to see this principle clearly demonstrated?
6. What are some of the ways a group of Christians could “live out” this principle together? Individually?
7. How should the core leaders at EFBC “live out” this principle as a group? Individually?












the leadership  
COVENANT


Evangelism  
Discipleship  
Worship  
Ministry  
Fellowship


 As a part of my corporate **evangelism**, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mark 1:17).


 As a part of my personal **evangelism**, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Peter 3:15).


 As a part of my corporate **discipleship**, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(2 Timothy 2:2).


 As a part of my personal **discipleship**, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Peter 2:2).


 As a part of my corporate **worship**, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Hebrews 10:25)

 As a part of my personal **worship**, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Acts 1:14)

 As a part of my corporate **ministry**, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Col 3:23-24).

 As a part of my personal **ministry**, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mark 10:43-45).

 As a part of my corporate **fellowship**, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Acts 2:44).

 As a part of my personal **fellowship**, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(James 5:16).



**con·nec·tion**  
**groups**

The logo consists of the text 'con·nec·tion' in a bold, grey, sans-serif font with a slight shadow effect. Below it, the word 'groups' is written in a white, bold, sans-serif font, also with a shadow effect. To the right of the text, there are two interlocking puzzle pieces. The top piece is light blue and the bottom piece is a darker blue. The puzzle pieces are positioned such that they appear to be part of the 'nec' and 'tion' parts of the word above.