

St. Mark's Revitalize Team Meeting

Tuesday October 18, 2016

Recap 10/21/2016

Attendees: Bob Kennedy, Charlie Kiesling, Grace Giammarco, Joe Hoot, Caroline Willoughby, Sharon Ryan, Fr. Berg, Chuck Violand, John Willoughby, Rhonda Warren, Rick Werren, Ten Gaul, (Growth Committee - Marilyn Thorp, Karen Violand, and MaryAnn Kiesling)

Agenda - Joint Meeting with the Growth Committee - Review of the material supplied by Brad Purdom - Chapter 4 from Invitational Ministry: Move Your Church from Membership to Discipleship by Bowers, Laurence Beth 2013. Discussion facilitated by Sharon and John Carson, arranged by Rhonda.

The Carsons opened with the question - What do you see as the difference between a "high interactive" and a "low interactive" event?

From that point there was a great discussion for one and half hours.

What/Where is our Community

- Local area vs. regional

- Missionary endeavor vs. Identity

- Try to reach those that are not attending church

- Accommodating younger people with families and busy schedules to work around

- "Kids just wanna have fun" How do we make it fun in terms of Sundays and special events

Is St. Mark's prepared for "high interactive" events?

- Do we discuss spirituality among ourselves and how would we discuss it with newcomers.

- Positive feedback about small group sharing during "Unbinding your Heart".

**Decided we need to Spiritually Energize the St. Mark's community first.**

- Allow God to speak to us and direct our growth goals.

  - What are we about?

  - What are our achievable goals?

  - What direction should we go in for the coming year?

- Suggestion to start individual spiritual sharing in small groups by a focus of a particular Bible verse.

  - Cluster Dinners mentioned as an ongoing small group.

  - MaryAnn agreed to send email to cluster dinner group meeting the next night - requesting they bring their Bibles and there would be a discussion of Hebrew 11:1.

People still showed up and there was a thoughtful and lively discussion (after we watched the Indians with the ball game).

Thank you to Sharon Ryan and MaryAnn Kiesling for their contribution to this recap.

St. Mark's next team meeting is November 15th.

Revitalize Ohio Area church meeting is December 10th location TBD.

Charlie Kiesling