

## ***Grace Groups***

*Sermon-based small groups focusing upon the understanding and application of Scripture.*

We believe that ***Grace Groups***, our adult small groups, are a vital avenue for one's growth in His grace. If we are going to become more like Jesus, we must engage the means for transformation: brokenness and belief through the Word of God, by the Spirit of God, and with the people of God. Spiritual transformation does not happen in isolation; spiritual community is fundamentally important.

One of the enemies that stands in the way of spiritual or Gospel transformation is individualism. When members of the church consistently view their faith as predominantly private and personal rather than corporate and communal, real Gospel transformation is at risk. We must guard against the danger of becoming *Marlboro Men* or *Wonder Women* who seek to exist without the benefits of the communion of saints and the gifts of the Holy Spirit within the body. Not only do the *Marlboro Men* or *Wonder Women* lose the benefits of community, but the body is harmed because it is prevented from experiencing the unique gifts that God has given each particular person for the edification of the body and the glory of His name.

Currently, ***Grace Groups*** meet in and around IPC on Wednesday evenings from 6:25 to 7:30 during the winter/spring months, as well as the fall months. Each group is comprised of 10-15 people who meet weekly with a trained discussion leader and hostess for a period of 10-13 weeks. The purpose of the group is to flesh out the application of the sermon from the Sunday prior. For further information, please contact: Mrs. Linda Tusan at [linda.tusan@indepres.org](mailto:linda.tusan@indepres.org).

**Grace Groups** will have the following leadership for each small group. This leadership is as follows:

1. Trained Facilitator
2. Host & Hostess
3. Prayer Facilitator

**Grace Groups** will have the following organization to each group. This organization is as follows:

1. **W:** *Worship*
2. **E:** *Encouragement & Evangelism*
3. **L:** *Learning*
4. **L:** *Loving*

**Grace Groups** will have the following time organization to each group. This time organization is as follows:

1. 6:25 Welcome and Greeting
2. 6:30 Prayer
3. 6:35 Sermon review
4. 6:45 Discussion that leads to understanding and application
5. 7:15 So What?
6. 7:20 Corporate prayer

The winter and spring **Grace Groups** will meet from January 14 – April 29, 2009. The potential leaders, who will recruit their individual groups, could be as follows: Cannon Allen, Hollis Halford, David Caldwell, Vann Coe, Chuck Halford, Neumon Goshorn, Lee Greene, Montgomery Martin, Bob Garrett, George Leavell, etc...