

**SMALL GROUP  
LEADER  
EQUIP NIGHT**

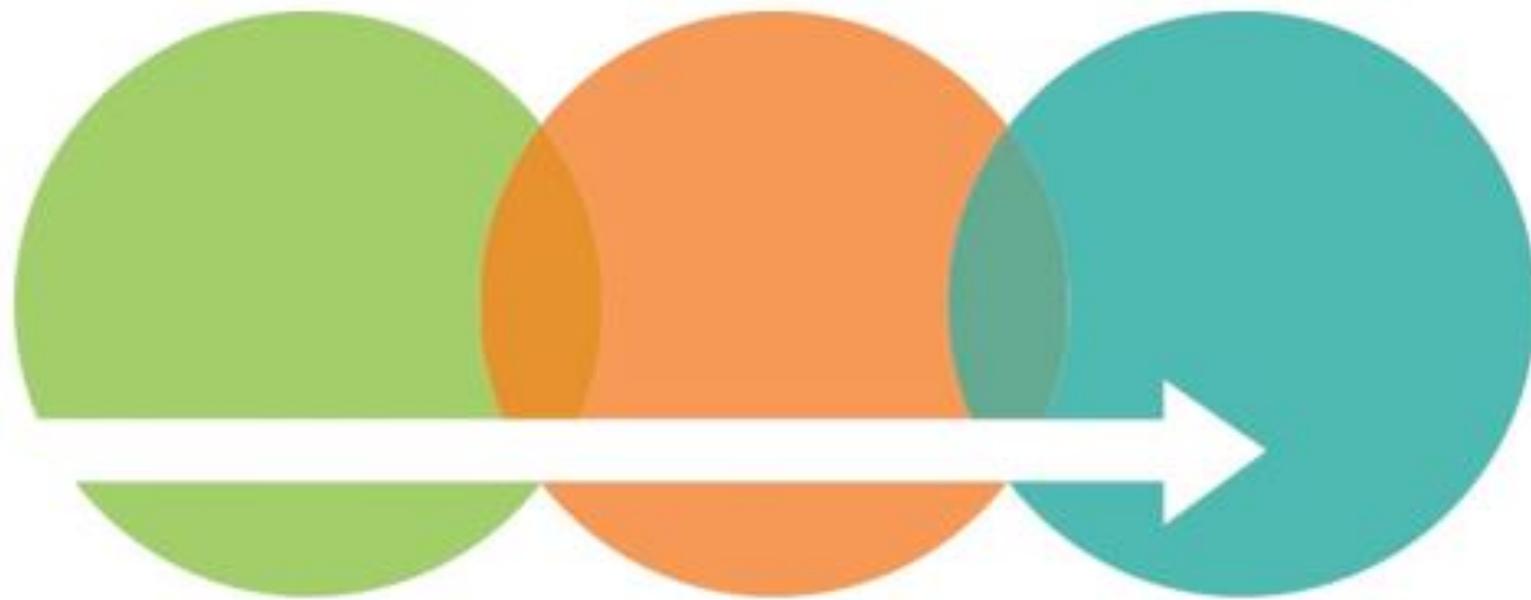


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# **AUGUST PUSH**

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# **BELONG | GROW | MULTIPLY**

MEMBERSHIP

GROUPS

SERVE

STUDIES

GIVE

CLASSES

DISCIPLE

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*What is your sign  
that your life is  
out of balance?*

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**3 REALMS**  
**SPHERES**  
**RHYTHMS**  
**POSTURES**

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**SPHERES**

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**Solitude**

**Community**

**Ministry**





**Luke 6:12-19—**

***12 In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. 13 And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles:***

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***14 Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, 15 and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, 16 and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.***

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***17 And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases.***

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*And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.*

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# 1. Solitude

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“Why is it so important that you are with God and **God alone** on the mountain top? It’s important because it’s the place in which you can listen to the voice of the One who calls you the beloved.

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To pray is to listen to the One who calls you ‘my beloved daughter,’ ‘my beloved son,’ ‘my beloved child.’ To pray is to let **that voice** speak to the center of your being, to your guts, and let **that voice** resound in your whole being.” – Henri Nouwen

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# 2. Community

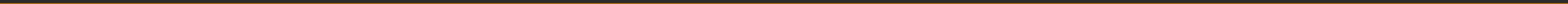
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“...**community** is not loneliness  
grabbing onto loneliness: ‘I’m so  
lonely, and you’re so lonely.’ It’s  
**solitude grabbing onto solitude**: ‘I  
am the beloved; you are the  
beloved; together we can build a  
home.’” – Henri Nouwen

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# 3. Ministry





**“Ministry means to help people become grateful for life even with pain. That gratitude can send you into the world precisely to the places where people are in pain.”**

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The minister, the disciple of Jesus,  
**goes where there is pain** not  
because he is a masochist or she is a  
sadist, but because God is hidden in  
the pain.” – Henri Nouwen

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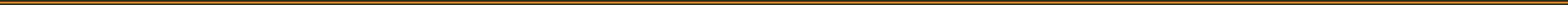




# DISCUSSION

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# RHYTHMS





**1. What rhythms do we need to integrate into our calendar?**

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**2. What rhythms do we need to pull off our calendar?**

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3. What priorities do we want our calendar to reflect?

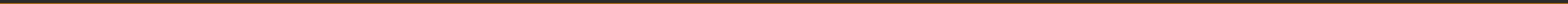
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# DISCUSSION

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# POSTURES





**“Your assignment from God is  
impossible to fulfill,**

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“Your assignment from God is impossible to fulfill, because it is spiritual in nature. That means you need the Holy Spirit.”

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# 1. Brokenness





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# 1. Brokenness

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Brokenness is a conscious, core awareness that you need God in all things.

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**“I believe God uses brokenness as a tool to prepare you for the assignments He has for you. Brokenness is God’s way of adding weight, supernatural substance to your life and the assignments He gives to you.**

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If you don't have this sense of **your inadequacy and His all-sufficiency**, you will lead with your own resources and abilities. You will lose the awareness of your need.”

- Crawford Loritts

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## 2. Uncommon Communion

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“What we **value** the most will be the **foundation** upon which we build our leadership.” – Crawford Loritts

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“Because your assignments are beyond your ability, and because you need to depend on God for guidance, wisdom, and power, everything you do as a distinctively Christian leader should **emanate from your walk with God.**”

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“God is using what He has given you to do to not only accomplish His assignments but to make **you** what He wants you to become.”

– Crawford Loritts

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“Why do so many workers break down? Not from overwork, but because there has been friction of the machinery; there hasn’t been enough **oil of the Spirit.**”

– D.L. Moody

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# 3. Servanthood as an Identity, not as a Strategy

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“The **authority to lead** is developed and cultivated not through **prominence** and **power** but rather through acts of **service** from a sincere **humble heart**.”

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In this sense, others give us the  
**‘permission’ to lead** because they  
have experienced the **authenticity**  
of our acts of love and service on  
their behalf. This profound humility  
is God’s way of [us] leading His  
people.” – Crawford Loritts

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“It is not humility to refuse to do  
the **difficult** but right thing.”

– Crawford Loritts

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# Is your leadership?





Matthew 20:25-28—

*... “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup> It shall not be so among you.*

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*But whoever would be great among you must **be your servant**,<sup>27</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,<sup>28</sup> even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

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“This is what Jesus defined as greatness. **You must be a servant.** You don’t just act like a servant; you must become one. You are only ready to lead when you **stop trying to prove your worth** and value based upon your **position and power.**” – Crawford Loritts

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“The **question** every leader needs to ask is, ‘What am I willing to do so that the people I lead know that I love and care for them’? The answer is *sacrifice*.” – Crawford Loritts

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# 4. Radical, Immediate Obedience

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“It is one thing to be content; it’s quite another to be **complacent**. It becomes easy to ignore the promptings of the Spirit of God to embrace God’s next assignment.

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We rationalize and settle into **a comfortable disobedience**.

Gradually our fruit diminishes, our impact wanes, and we are left wondering, ‘What happened ...What’s missing?’”

– Crawford Loritts

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“When God speaks, obedience is not something to be negotiated. **There’s no such thing as partial obedience.** We either completely do what God says or we disobey Him. God is to be taken seriously.”

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Courage: “complete obedience in  
the face of opposition”

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# DISCUSSION

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**WHAT DO I DO  
WHEN I FAIL?**

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**Gospel is better than perfect.**

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When you fail your SPHERES,  
**return**  
to the One Who Fills & Sends You

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When you fail your RHYTHMS,  
**return**  
to the One Who Reorders You

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When you fail your **POSTURES**,  
**return**  
to the One Who Lifts Your Head

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*[M]any are saying of my soul,  
“There is no salvation for him in God.”  
But you, O LORD, are a shield about  
me, my glory, and the lifter of my  
head.*

*- Psalm 3:2-3*

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# PRAYER

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