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LIFE HAPPENS ON THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE. SMALL GROUP IS ABOUT DOING LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Ministry collapse, failure, or simply withdrawal is far too prominent amongst Small Group leaders. But there are proactive steps we can take to counter such disasters. The following is part of a discussion held at the recent Leaders Huddle.

Keys to effective ministry: how to avoid burnout

We must preserve certain things to remain effective. Top of the list is what some have termed “**our secret life with Christ**”, that part of our spirituality that is deeply personal, and empowers us above all else. At heart this means prayer and reading scripture. But it also might involve meditation, Bible memory, and journaling.

Solitude is a word often lost in the busyness of life. We must find those times and places where we can be alone and quiet before God.

Simplicity is another lost value as our world tends to increasing complexity. We might need to ‘declutter’, learn to say no, or simply turn off the cell phone.

Exercising faith means putting some effort and a little hard work into our relationships with God and his people.

As small group leaders we are all about **Spiritual Community** but are we transparent, authentic and truly committed? We talk the talk but do we walk the walk?



MAKING AN IMPACT

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20, NRSV).

Lives are formed and transformed in small groups when people meet together to pray, to study, to engage in fellowship, or to work on a specific task.