



COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

“Celebrate Life with Margin” Leaders Council Retreat

Overall Objective and Instruction

As Teaching Director, you and your Servants Team are constantly in touch with the needs and issues affecting the lives of your leaders. The objective of a local class retreat is to provide a day of rest and encouragement and to bond leaders while challenging them with spiritual truth. Ask God to give you insight into what retreat topic(s) would be most beneficial at this time for your Leaders Council. Retreats are most successful when personalized for each individual class.

This packet of materials, “Celebrate Life with Margin,” is designed to provide a complete set of notes, activities, illustrations and challenges. However, as Teaching Director you are at liberty to modify it to fit the timeframe available, to meet the needs of your leaders and to best engage them with a combination of listening and activity. The appendix provides both illustrations and activities to be used as part of the retreat with the understanding that you may use some of all and adjust others as you see fit. Feel free to insert your own illustrations and modify the activities to best suit your Leaders Council.

Aim

“Celebrate Life with Margin” is a one or two day retreat that gives CBS leaders an opportunity to evaluate life’s interruptions and to assess life’s priorities.

Synopsis

This retreat is designed to enable your leaders to look closely at the changes in our culture (technology, scheduling, busyness) and evaluate how they affect day-to-day living. The content leads each participant through four sessions:

- 1) Who’s Looking Out For Your Margins?
- 2) Margin vs. Marginless Living
- 3) Was Jesus Ever In A Hurry?
- 4) How To Set Margins

Through a close look at some moments in the ministry of Jesus, each can see where He is telling them to slow down, reassess, and prioritize. Through a mixture of presentation and activities the leaders will laugh, learn more about themselves and fellow leaders and the concept of living with margin will be reinforced.

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