



Mangia Bene! Theme

This training theme focused on preparing our leaders to serve in *Mangia Bene, Trattoria di CBS*. *Mangia Bene* is Italian for “Eat Well” and a trattoria serves simple homemade food, often rustic in style. It’s our desire that those who come to our establishment will feel at home and eat well from God’s Word. Just as waiters work to make their customers feel comfortable and well-tended, so we at CBS have a similar philosophy as we serve.

Training



Training themes were built around an Italian restaurant, first introduced in the welcome/training details letter sent to the LC. The room was set up as a restaurant, with round tables, white tablecloths, and centerpieces as if it were a true restaurant. This facilitated small group discussion on the first day. Lunch offerings were also related to the theme. The shepherding module introduced one of our restaurant’s classic recipes (Shepherd’s Pie), which served both as an illustration of the talking points and a lunch entrée. The teaching on the Holy Spirit was introduced by mentioning that Italy is known for its wine (and had bottles of sparkling grape juice around)—but our restaurant’s official statement was Eph. 5:18.

Printed Materials



- Stickers for the front of training folders
- An ice breaker activity (calling out Italian phrases and finding those with the same phrase)
- CBS Guidelines: Recipe for a Great Core Group Discussion on one side, pre-fix menu on the reverse (shared with the entire class on opening day)

Class Opening Day



On class opening day, each core leader had a different colored sign with their name, attached to a large spatula, for their core groups to identify them.

*“Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.”
—Jer. 15:16*