"Everyone Needs Workers" A Workshop by Russell Smith

The "Do's" and "Don'ts" of Recruiting

I. The "Do's"

- A. Pray for God to show and to send you workers
- B. Recruit based on vision
 - a. Make a list of every ministry opportunity
 - b. Have written ministry descriptions
 - c. Learn the gifts/abilities of people
- C. Clearly communicate your vision and expectations
- D. Advertise your children's ministry
 - a. Brochures/Pamphlets
 - **b.** Church Publications
 - c. Video
 - d. Website
 - e. Big Days
 - f. Ministry Fair/Ministry Exhibits
- E. Recruit one-on-one
- F. Involve parents
- G. Encourage current workers to help with recruiting
- H. Know your terminology
- I. Consider all age groups
 - a. Senior Adults
 - b. Preteens/Teenagers
- J. Consult your pastor about potential workers

II. The "Don'ts"

- A. Rely on the bulletin or pulpit announcements
- B. Use guilt or manipulation
- C. Recruit someone who has attended the church less than 3 months
- D. Recruit simply to fill a position
- E. Pick apples off of other people's trees

Becoming A Worker

I. Application Process

- A. Biographical Information
- **B.** Basic Beliefs
- **C.** Personal History
 - 1. Spiritual
 - 2. Moral
- D. References
 - 1. Personal (at least 2)
 - 2. Pastoral
- **E. Statement of Commitment**
- F. Authorization for Release of Information
- **G.** Driver Application
- **H. Criminal Background Check**

II. Interview Process

- A. Vision casting
- **B.** Purpose of involvement
- C. Personal evaluation of potential workers
- D. Previous experience
- E. Gifts/callings
- F. Strengths and weaknesses
- G. Question and answer

III. Orientation Process

- A. Introduction of leaders
- **B.** Observation of classes/services
 - 1. Acclamation to schedule
 - 2. Acclamation to students
- C. Active participation

THE SIMPLE A.R.T. OF TEAM BUILDING

I. Building Your Team Through ATTITUDE

- A. The attitude you USE is the attitude you CHOOSE
- B. The attitude YOU use is the attitude your TEAM will choose
- C. The attitude you use will determine your OUTCOME

II. Building Your Team Through RELATIONSHIPS

- A. Jesus and His Relationships
 - 1. Jesus and the MULTITUDES (Mark 5:21, 24, John 6:1-2)
 - 2. Jesus and the MANY DISCIPLES (John 6:60-67)
 - 3. Jesus and the 12 (Mark 3:13-19)
 - 4. Jesus and the 3 (Matthew 17:1, 26:37-38)
 - 5. Jesus and JOHN (John 13:22-24, 19:26, 21:7, 20)
 - 6. Jesus and PETER (Matthew 16:17-18, John 21:15-19)

III. Building Your Team Through TRAINING

- A. Wise coaches understand the VALUE of training their players
- B. Wise coaches ENGAGE their players in training (Matthew 10:1-16)
- C. Wise coaches focus on teaching the FUNDAMENTALS then move to SKILL training
 - 1. Leadership Principles
 - 2. Hands-on Techniques
 - 3. Teaching/Learning Styles & Methods
 - 4. Safety/Legal Issues
 - 5. Trends in Children's Ministries
 - 6. Specialized Ministry
- D. Wise coaches want to make each player outstanding at whatever position they play Jim Wideman