

A Pastor for Every Person! ROCK GROUPS

(Evangelistic Care Groups)

Keeping Commitments

ICE BREAKER

Tell about a time you didn't keep your commitment to someone.

How did you feel? How did the other person react?

Tell us about a commitment you have kept. How does that feel?

"Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" Genesis 3:8-9

Broken commitments began in the Garden. God visited Adam and Eve every evening, but they broke the appointment. (*Their commitment to God*)

What caused Adam & Eve to break their appointment with God?

(They sinned by disobeying God's commandment. As a result, they felt guilty, which influenced them to decide to break their commitment)

What does commitment mean to you?

When we make a commitment and then don't keep it, we hurt other people...in marriage, promises to our children, in business, or in church.

What should we do if we made a commitment we shouldn't have made?

Does the answer depend on the type of commitment?

Does the bible have anything to say about this dilemma?

Do these scriptures relate to this dilemma?

Psalm 15 ¹ Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill? ² Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right... ⁴ *Those who...keep their promises even when it hurts*. NLT

Proverbs 2:7 He is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

God is our example of commitment. He stays committed and faithful to us *even when* we break our commitment to Him.

"If we are faithless, *he remains faithful*; he cannot deny Himself." 2 Timothy 2:13

We should imitate God and His example of commitment...

"Be *imitators of God* as dear children." Ephesians 5:1

What can we learn about commitment from God?

Should we be committed only when we feel like it?
Only when the commitment is reciprocated?
Only in situations where we benefit?

Notice the promise God gives to those who keep commitments...

"A faithful man will abound with blessings..." Proverbs 28:20a

Let's *pray* in groups of three or four that God would help us to *make the right commitments* and *keep them faithfully!*

REMEMBER...

- ✓ Share Vision of COTR and Rock Groups
- ✓ Prayer/Ministry Time
- ✓ "Empty Chair" Prayer. *Invite* someone new!
- ✓ Pray for COTR Leadership
- ✓ Have everyone complete attendance sheet
- ✓ Reach out to those who don't know Christ
- Complete the *online report* and *attendance* for the meeting soon