



Sticky Church

By Pastor Jeff



Last month I shared a message with you, Small Groups Make a BIG Difference. In that message, we discovered the biblical benefits of small groups; enhanced Care (Ex 18), Repair (Eph 4:11-12), Share (Acts 2:42-46) and Prayer (Acts 4:31).

In the Book "Sticky Church", Pastor Larry Osborne details how sermon based small groups were the key for developing North Coast Church, in San Diego. North Coast has grown from a struggling church plant to one of the most effective disciple making churches in America today!

Pastor Osborne uses the term "Sticky Church" to describe the power of biblical based small groups to help believers feel a part of the church. He credits North Coast sermon based small groups for its:

- Natural Evangelism
- Natural Follow Up and Assimilation
- Natural Discipleship
- Natural Growth in the Word
- Natural Ministry

Pastor Osborne credits biblical based small groups as the foundation of North Coast's ministry success:

"Many programs and concepts work well at one size but fall apart with growth. One of my greatest surprises has been how easily sermon based small groups have adapted as we've grown. If you would have asked me in the early 1990's if I thought we could still use the same primary tools to keep the back door shut in a so called mega church that we did when were a few hundred, I would have said, "No way." But I was wrong....the same principles that made us sticky at two hundred and four hundred have kept us sticky at thousands...the same emphasis that made us healthy as a small church has kept us healthy as a large church. (Sticky Church page 22)

I know very few people who dislike like honey! I hope you will decide right now to get sticky by enjoying the sweetness of our small group ministry. Presently, we are training leaders and planning groups with a launch date of the week of October 20th.

Items of Interest

- **Sunday, October 5 – Church Chartering Sunday!** A chartering service to mark the formal organization of our church. Followed by a catered lunch.
- **Sunday, October 12 - Dr. John Woodward,** Grace Fellowship Counseling ministry will be ministering the Word as our quarterly missionary speaker.
- **Sunday, October 19 - Fall preaching series, "Complete in Christ,"** The book of Colossians.
- **Week of October 20 – CARE groups begin** with sermon based groups tied to the messages from Colossians.