

How To Do A Great Group Visit

BEFORE the Visit:

- ❖ Calm the leader's fears
 - Assure them that your purpose in a visit is to support and encourage them - to be a resource. And that you'd like to talk to the group about leading.
 - Commit the time to prayer, asking God to use you to help the leader and group members.

DURING the Visit:

- ❖ Arrive early
 - Ask the leader to introduce you and why you are there.
- ❖ Tell group members how much you appreciate their leader
 - Talk to group members about the great opportunity to lead a group
- ❖ It might restating the obvious, but here's some things to look out for, so that you can be proactive in pointing out the good stuff, and things to work on...
 - Was the setting conducive to a good meeting?
 - Did the meeting start and end on time?
 - Did the leader stay on topic?
 - Was the leader in control but not overbearing?
 - Were the questions effective?
 - Did the leader listen well?
 - What is the relationship like between the leader and members?
 - Was the prayer time meaningful?
 - How was God at work in this meeting?

AFTER the Visit:

- ❖ Be an encourager
 - 5:1 Rule: Five encouragements for every one suggestion for improvement
 - Give leader specific feedback. What did you notice/appreciate about the way they led the meeting? If there are areas to improve, give specific suggestions on how that might happen.