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Fall greetings from LifeGroups!

We are very excited about the things that the Lord is doing in our ministry. The last **Turbo** was an incredible success! Based on the positive evaluations that you gave us after the event, we believe that we have identified 3 *key areas* where intentional investment will pay great dividends to our ministry moving forward. Those areas are;

1. Regularly scheduled events designed to provide practical ongoing leadership training
2. More time to network among yourselves as LifeGroup leaders
3. Additional spaces to connect with us as your pastors

Turbo has served us well over the years as a way to provide ongoing leadership training. We will be offering more opportunities to attend our **Turbo** events in 2012, with new dates and time formats. Every **Turbo** is made up of brand new material; but in addition to that, Turbo is a great place to network with other leaders.

As we began to think creatively on how to add spaces for you to connect with us as your pastors we came up with, "**Informal Pastor Visits**". These will be scheduled around weekend services while you are already on campus, will include up to three other leaders (and spouses), and will be with one or both of us, your LifeGroup pastors. The meetings will last 45 minutes, coffee and cookies will be served, and the sole purpose will be connection. Since several leaders are together these visits also provide opportunities to network. We have already met with the Regional Leaders and the feedback has been wonderful! We are now looking forward to meeting with LifeGroup leaders, so anticipate a call from Cynthia to schedule your time.

Ministry News:

- In just the last 2 months we have added 22 news groups, and have 15 potential leaders in the process of launching
- If your group is looking for some wonderful DVD based material, "Keep Climbing" is available in English. We just finished shooting a brand-new series in Spanish based on the life of Esther
- There are LifeGroups in English and Spanish for men, women, youth, singles (college and career age), singles (older), and couples as well as families

Thank you for all you do as a LifeGroup leader. Your work is not in vain; lives are being eternally changed.

On behalf of the LifeGroups department, Happy Thanksgiving!