



Christian Family  
Movement



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## OVERCOMING DISCOURAGEMENT

**Does anyone even care?**

**Are people just too busy with other commitments?**



At some point during each CFM year, we ask ourselves these questions and doubt whether leading a CFM group is worth the effort. Some group members certainly pose difficulties: one always becomes critical and longwinded at meetings; one couple always finds an excuse for why they can't make the meeting, while another always cancels at the last minute when it is their turn to host the meeting.

**If you are experiencing any of these discouragements,  
We've been there!**

When feeling disheartened, even small efforts can seem a hurdle too tall. At this point in the year, much of leading the group is simply communication. Much of the month-to-month work of leading your group is reaching out and gathering them together.

In times of discouragement, you may draw inspiration from words published in ACT (May 2008) by then CFM President John Przybysz:

"It is worth remembering that leadership in CFM is a pastoral vocation. The Lord has called us to look after his sheep. In Latin, the word "pastor" means "shepherd." We are called to be good shepherds. Jesus talked about what it meant for him to be the Good Shepherd in the Gospel of John. Some of it sounds easy. "The sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." (John 10:3) And "He walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice." (John 10:4) This is a happy flock, all gathered around the shepherd.

In fact, shepherds spend a lot of time chasing after sheep that wander off. Jesus said, "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray? And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray." (Matt 18:12-13) If we watch a shepherd and his sheepdog at work, we see how much time is spent rounding up the sheep.

Leadership in the Christian Family Movement is a vocation from God. It is the work He asks us to do to build up His kingdom...Time spent talking to members of CFM can be a joy. CFMers are good people. It is good to take the time to build the bonds of friendship...If all the Lord asks of me is to take the time to contact and connect with my friends, then I should thank Him for the light burden and make those calls."



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