

20 Ways To Encourage Your Leaders

1. Ask your leaders how they prefer to be contacted (email, phone calls, texting), then contact them once a week, asking if they have questions or need any help; remind them you are there for them.

2. Take your leader to coffee or tea!

3. Mail your leader an encouraging card.

4. Visit their group. This enables you to see your leader in action, and to be specific about encouragements! They also feel like they matter – you showed up!

5. Follow up with them on a prayer request that they shared with you.

6. Invite your leader and their family over for dinner.

7. Find and send them a devotional that speaks to a particular situation.

8. Make up a movie “bucket”. Deliver it to their front door (make sure they are home ☺ then phone them to check their door). In a large popcorn bucket put microwavable popcorn, candy, a movie or two...tell them to enjoy a date night or family night whichever pertains to them.

9. Challenge them to join you in a certain spiritual discipline for a week and then follow up the next week with how it went. For example, reading a certain amount of the Bible, spending time in solitude, etc.

10. Show genuine interest. Ask them questions about their work, family, hobbies. Let them know you care. But don't be fake about it!

11. Offer to lend a hand. Find a need and offer to help!

12. Make up a fruit basket and deliver to them with a note with Galatians 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

13. Remember important dates and send them a card (e.g. birthday, anniversary or holidays).

14. Acknowledge your leaders in front of others. For example, if you see them at church or out at a restaurant or store, introduce them to your family and say in front of them “he or she is on my team...they are great leader!”

15. Mail or you can deliver a themed care package. For example, if you know they have a huge project or meeting to prepare for at work...you can make up a package of office supplies, snacks to eat while they have to prepare, and/or instant coffee packets from Starbucks.

16. Pick them up at work and take them to lunch. They feel valued and it's nice to see your leader in their work environment.

17. Buy your leader a plant and tell them as the plant grows it's a symbol representing their growth as a leader.

18. Send them a Christian music CD. Include an encouraging card reminding them you are so thankful for them.

19. Ask them to download and listen to a online sermon that's impacted your life and discuss it together.

20. Email your leader's group members asking them what they appreciate about their leader then in a card you can list the different comments of appreciation (note: it's great to do this half way through the trimester...it will give your leader a perk half way through!)



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