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# WSGN

WESTSIDE SMALL GROUP NETWORK



## NEWSLETTER – September, 2019

And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. ~ Matthew 4:19-20



### *WSGN Bruthas and Friends,*

We often hear about the "cost of discipleship". What does this mean? We must each give up our old selves in order to embrace and become the person Christ has created us to be. Therefore "put off the old man with his deeds" (Colossians 3:9-10), for "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

"[God says] Discipleship is not limited to what you can comprehend - it must transcend all comprehension. Plunge into the deep waters beyond your own comprehension, and I will help you to comprehend even as I do. Bewilderment is the true comprehension. Not to know where you are going is the true knowledge. My comprehension transcends yours." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

The cost of discipleship is totally reasonable in light of the gift we've been given! "You were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18-19). Simply put, you were "bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are

God's" (1 Corinthians 6:20). "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works" (Titus 2:11-14).

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## ***Featured Group of the Month: SOBs (Sons of the Bible)***

*Russ Allen, Michael Benes, Kris Culpepper, Ed Everett, Mike Eyre, David Harkins, Clint Harrington, Dave Hock, Ben Satterwhite, Tim Thomas (Anniversary date: January 8, 2012)*

"The Sons of the Bible (SOBs) are men, children of God, husbands, fathers, friends and business & community leaders. We have many roles and face many joys and challenges in these roles. God calls us to shine the Light of Christ to those around us through direct interactions and example. Wow, what a responsibility! However, Jesus tells us to take His yoke upon us for His yoke is easy and His burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30). Our group is very close, meets weekly and easily "goes deep" sharing our loves, losses, triumphs and fears while still challenging each other to serve God joyfully. We strive to have 2 or 3 out-of-town retreats per year and numerous impromptu social gatherings plus a family Christmas dinner. Our lives are richer because of each other." - Mike Eyre

I sought my soul, but my soul I could not see  
I sought my God; but my God eluded me  
I sought my brother and found all three (William Blake)



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*Mark your calendar:*

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual WSGN Retreat**

January 10-12, 2020



Registration link coming soon



To see upcoming events: [WSGN Events](#)

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## *WSGN Board of Directors*

*WSGN has a 6 member Board that meets bi-monthly. This month, we profile Peter Forbes, Director*



**Peter Forbes**

Director

Peter Forbes joined the WSGN Board of Directors in July 2018. He serves on the Advisory Board of Loving Houston, a ministry dedicated to advancing community transformation in Greater Houston by helping churches partner with local schools, serving as Chairman from 2015 to 2017. Peter is a Board member of CanCare, a ministry dedicated to making sure no-one has to go through cancer alone, and he is President Emeritus of National Christian Foundation Houston (NCFH). Peter serves on the Executive Board and is Chairman of the Advisory Board of Houston Responds that exists to unite, empower and mobilize churches to respond to disaster and expedite recovery. Peter was the founding President of NCFH in 2007 and served in that capacity until 2014. Prior to that, he was Director of Fundraising for CityFest Houston with Luis Palau, an evangelistic festival that attracted 225,000 people. Peter immigrated to Houston from Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1975 and spent the first 28 years in business as a Financial and General Executive with both private and public companies. He is a graduate of Edinburgh University, a Scottish Chartered Accountant and was a participant in the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University. He is passionate about discipleship, reuniting the Body of Christ in Houston and encouraging others to reach for and achieve their full potential in Christ. Peter worships at Chapelwood United Methodist Church, and is married to Barbara and has three children and three grandchildren.

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## *WSGN Job Seekers*

WSGN posts resumes of members currently seeking a job. Visit [WSGN Job Seekers](#) to view the resumes and help them out with any leads you may have (or

potentially hire them!). To post your own resume, please email it to **John Yochum (MOB)** at [john.yochum@capitalone.com](mailto:john.yochum@capitalone.com).

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## ***Tera's Find: Men Doing a Good Work***

This month we take a look at Mike Rowe (*Dirty Jobs, The Way I Heard It, Returning the Favor, Somebody's Gotta Do It*) and his **Work Ethic Scholarship Program** [mikeroweWORKS Foundation](#). This annual program looks "for the next generation of aspiring workers who will work smart *and* hard." Here's the story of a young Texan doing a good day's work for his family and his future:



### **An Electrifying Angler**

Chase Hux knew he needed an education to succeed in life, but he wasn't quite sure what kind of education he would need. He also understood that schooling didn't come cheap. Whether he chose college, university, or trade school, there would be plenty of costs to pay; and Chase didn't want to burden his parents with having to pay them. They had done so much for him already that Chase made them a promise that he would find a way to pay his own freight....

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"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6

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