Sunday School and Assimilation

When new people join the church what are their chances of staying after 5 years?

- **If they become involved in a small group their chances of staying are 87%**
- **If they attend only worship services their chances of staying are 14%**
- How important is it that we connect people to small groups?

Why they returned and stayed

**Issue # 4: Small Groups and Sunday School**

- Relationships are the most effective means of reaching and retaining the unchurched
- You cannot program relationships, they happen naturally when we **intentionally work at building them through the Sunday School**
- **New Christians who immediately connected to a SS class were 5 times more likely to be in the church 5 years later**