

Recruiting, Training, and Equipping Small Group Leaders

Our Motivation—

The Greatest Commandment - Matthew 22:37-40

The Greatest Commission - Matthew 28:18-20

Potential Leaders Are—

Non-believers—New Converts—Disciples—Disciple Makers

“Why Small Groups?”

It was Jesus’ method!!!

Taken from the book *Master Plan of Evangelism*

1. Selection

- A. Jesus chose a few men (started a group)
- B. Example of 1 person a year for 33 years = 6 billion (the entire world)
- C. Fellowship Church Story
- D. Men were to be His method
- E. Faithful, Available, Teachable

2. Association

- A. Truth, Relationships, Accountability
- B. Must make small group your best friends
- C. Knowledge gained by association with leader
- D. People feel loved when you spend time with them
- E. Jesus walked, visited, sailed, fished, prayed, ate, and talked with his small group constantly
- F. 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

3. Consecration

- A. Jesus required obedience from his small group—John 14:21
- B. Leading is easier if you have been discipled yourself
- C. Everyone needs a Paul, Barnabas & Timothy
- D. “Be Holy Because I Am Holy”
- E. 2 Timothy—15 Commands of a Disciple
- F. G.R.O.W.T.H.
- G. It is hard to be a disciple—John 6:66

4. Impartation

- A. We are **ALL** called to give to others what God has given to us—Eternal Life
- B. It is a consistent life of giving to others
- C. John 12:24
- D. We must die to ourselves
- E. The Holy Spirit must be working in you!

Chapters 5-8 of Master Plan of Evangelism

5. Demonstration

- A. People will learn more by watching what you do than what you say
- B. Jesus, living by example, the disciples saw how to live like a Christian
- C. Constantly invite them to spend time with you
- D. They saw Jesus praying
- E. They heard Jesus quote the Old Testament 66 times and others 90 times
- F. Take your small group with you when you minister to others

6. Delegation

- A. Your small group must know that they are saints (Paul)
- B. Your small group must know they are royal priests
- C. They have the same Holy spirit as you and I do
- D. Fellowship's mission statement: "releasing Spiritual Leaders to Impact Northwest Arkansas and the World"
- E. Start giving your small group little assignments, and then larger ones when they are faithful
- F. Allow them to lead small groups in **God's timing** (Holy Spirit)
- G. The Life—Rescue, Family, Grow, Impact
- H. He sent them 2 by 2
- I. Most pastors/leaders want to be in control; **let God be in control**
- J. We will stop their spiritual growth if we do not encourage them and equip them to lead

7. Supervision

- A. We **MUST** consistently be equipping and training future leaders
- B. Keep in close contact with them, email, call, hang out, eat
- C. Jesus' focus was mostly on leaders, not on the masses (even though he did have compassion on them)
- D. Pour your life into your leaders and future leaders
- E. They will have ideas, spiritual gifts, and talents you do not have
- F. Robert Cupp—I just want to make others great
- G. Small group leaders are the stars of the church, not the pastor

8. Reproduction

- A. 2 Timothy 2:22
- B. It's not easy, but it is simple—keeping it small makes room for new people
- C. Example
- D. Don't worry about numbers

