

Small Group Facilitator *Participant Booklet*





How to Facilitate a Great Small Group

Session #1 – Part 1

Vision: Why Are Small Groups So Important?

Discipleship:

Vision:

- We will love our community and _____
the _____ for Jesus Christ,
one person at a time.

Mission

- We will make _____ of Jesus
Christ through _____ relationships.

Process:

- We will make _____ who
make _____ of Jesus.
- SCMD: Share - Connect - Minister - Disciple

Definition of a Disciple (Matthew 4:19)

- A biblical disciple is someone who is
_____ Jesus, being
_____ by Jesus, and on
_____ with Jesus

Notes:

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Purpose of a Small Group

- The purpose of Small Groups is to help people.
to grow as _____ of Jesus in a
healthy _____ environment.

Spiritual Maturity is illustrated as a _____

Stages of Spiritual Growth

D _____

I _____

C _____

Y _____

A _____

P _____

5 Spheres: Growing in, and living out, Spiritual Maturity in
every area of our lives

- _____ in relationship with God (Jn 15:4-6)
- _____ (Eph 2:10-5:20)
- _____ & _____ (Eph 5:21-6:4)
- _____ (Eph 6:5-6:9)
- _____ (Eph 6:10-24)

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Equipping Strategy

- How to Facilitate a Great Small Group
- How to Disciple a Small Group
- Annual Discipleship Class
- Personal Coaching

Coaching Expectations

- _____ - _____ regularly
- _____ SG & SGF
- _____ based on evaluation
- _____ to questions and crises

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How to Be an Intentional Facilitator

Discussion:

Notes:

_____ invested in me!

What did they do?

Do you think they did it intentionally?

The 7 Essentials

1. Abide (John 15:4-6)
Active _____
with Jesus
2. Reach the Lost (Luke 19:10)
Concern for people's

3. Connect the Unconnected (Matthew 9:9)
_____ others
into authentic relationship
4. Chase the Strays (Luke 15)
_____ those who
have walked away from church/group
5. Shepherd Towards Spiritual Maturity

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(Colossians 1:28)

_____ for people
and their spiritual growth

6. Identify, Equip, Release Facilitators

(Eph 4:11-13)

_____ for potential in others,
helps get them _____ to
facilitate, then gives them
_____ to facilitate on their own

7. Function as a Team (John 17:20-23)

_____ as the
body of Christ

Next Session: Creating a Relational Environment

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Session #2 – Part 1

How to Create a Relational Environment

Discussion:

The Small Group Relational Environment is a gathering of 3-16 people (preferably 10-14) that includes teaching, shepherding, transparency, accountability, guided practice and fellowship

Small Group Lifecycle

- **Forming**
 - New _____ are made
 - People are on their best behavior as they figure things out
- **Storming**
 - _____ is developed, through conflict & shared experiences
- **Norming**
 - Deeper _____ begin to develop
- **Performing**
 - Spiritual growth begins to _____
- **Adjourning**
 - Facilitators emerge and new groups are _____

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Session #2 – Part 1

How to Create a Relational Environment

The Physical Environment - Basic Group Template

- Welcome
- Opening Prayer
- Group Guidelines
- Vision Cast
- Announcements
- Ice Breaker
- Discussion Idea
- Today's Passage
- Head Level Questions
- Heart Level Questions
- Hand Level Questions
- Feet Level Questions
- Recap
- Prayer Time

Video:

Know the point

Start with an icebreaker

Create a safe environment

Stay on course, but be flexible

Involve everyone in the discussion

Use space well

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Session #2 – Part 2

How to Lead Discussions with Great Questions

Discussion:

- Open-ended questions
- Understand the *What? So What? & Now What?*
 - Head Level
 - What we _____
 - Heart Level
 - What we _____
 - Hands Level
 - What we _____
 - Feet Level
 - Where we _____
- Don't fish for "right" answers
- Don't answer your own question
- Never judge someone's answer

Curriculum Evaluation:

- Read Through the Curriculum Questions
- Evaluate Curriculum Questions
 - Identify which questions are *Head, Heart,*

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How to Lead Discussions with Great Questions

Hand & Feet

- Are there questions you would *not* use?
- Prepare your own questions HHHF

Telling the Story – Zacchaeus Luke 19: 1-10

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: Create your own questions from Scripture Exercise

- Read the passage and generate questions:
 - Scripture: LUKE 15: 11 - 32
 - Main Point:
 - Head Level Questions
 - Heart Level Questions
 - Hands Level Questions
 - Feet Level Questions

The Parable of the Lost Son

See Facilitator's Resource
Guide page 15 for ideas

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Session #3 – Part 1

How to Make Disciples by Listening Well

Discussion:

- The value of listening well as a Disciple-Maker
 - Spiritual _____
 - Building _____ depth
- Listening Skills/Techniques
 - Stay _____!
 - _____ Language
 - Demonstrate _____
 - Be _____

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Session 3 – Part 2

Putting it All Together with a Biblical Foundation

Take out Homework Assignment and the
Prodigal Son Luke 15: 11-32 from Session 2

Discussion:

Mini Small Group Experience

Welcome:

Opening Prayer:

Group Guidelines

Vision Cast

Announcements:

Ice Breaker:

Discussion Idea

Today's Passage

Group Discussion

Head Level:

Notes:

The Purpose of a Small Group is to help people grow as disciples of Jesus in a healthy relational environment.

Main Point – Home Work Sheet

Luke 15: 11-32
Telling the Story

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Heart Level:

Hand Level:

Feet Level:

Take Away:

Prayer Time:

Small Group Debrief:

- **Intentional Leader**
- **Relational Environment**
- **Good Questions**
- **Listening Well**

Facilitator Resource Guide

- **Group Game Plan**
- **Group Information Sheet**
- **Sermon Study Guide**