

## **Small Group Ministry**

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### **Why is This Important to Us?**

- ◆ Need to know how to do Small group ministry
- ◆ Natural flow of group vs. working hard to form/continue group.
- ◆ Share personal information
- ◆ Pray with small groups
- ◆ How do we grow group?
- ◆ How can we lift up our absent membership?
- ◆ Churches are getting so big. Small groups give sense of smaller congregations.
- ◆ How do we split up our groups?
- ◆ Small groups a way to keep church together. Church keeps spark with small groups.
- ◆ We can use small groups to encourage absent members without intimidation etc.
- ◆ Way to support the Pastor
- ◆ Spiritual formation
- ◆ Someone may be more willing to ask questions in a smaller setting
- ◆ Share personal faith – How do/did you share how the Lord will come/came to you

### **Assets on Which to Build**

- ◆ The Word of God
- ◆ Youth of the church
- ◆ Staff Support
- ◆ Pastor/Vicars
- ◆ Church Leadership
- ◆ “Christ Care” format
- ◆ Adult Sunday School
- ◆ Tables of 8
- ◆ Community dinners

### **Other Discussion of Significance**

- ◆ Christ Care as part of small group meetings.
- ◆ Find a schedule that works!
- ◆ 5 Steps to Build a Community
- ◆ Internet Sermons

### **Recommendations**

- ◆ Use Christ Care at the meetings
- ◆ Strong Adult Sunday School
- ◆ Try to form groups in early morning or late evening to avoid conflicts
- ◆ Follow the internet options – biblestudyhour.com
- ◆ Try to see sermons on-line
- ◆ Stick with the Word of God
- ◆ Babysitting for all who show up
- ◆ Ask directly if someone would come to small group
- ◆ Community dinners
- ◆ Tables of 8
- ◆ Use geography of members to help get members of the church who are on the fringe
- ◆ Use member who is active to contact someone else in geographic area (neighbor)
- ◆ DCE – Small group ministry
- ◆ Small groups started through 40 Days of Purpose and Purpose Driven Life