

LIFEGROUPS - Facilitator Notes

Connecting in Community



Suggested Icebreaker:

What does being in a life group mean to you?

Word: God has always existed in community! FATHER + SON + HOLY SPIRIT

1 John 5: 7 "For there are three that bear record in heave, the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one."

Note: God has a Heavenly Cell!

Q: Who did God add to His cell?

A: Adam and Eve

Note: God blessed them with fruitfulness in order to multiply His cell. The church is made up of lots of families connection together. Ps 68v6 "God sets the solitary in families."

Note: The early church gathered in small groups in houses.

Read: Acts 2: 41, 46-47

Q: How many souls were added to the disciples from the upper room?

A: 3000 souls

Q: What happened to them after conversion?

A: v46: Met together in the temple.

Broke bread from house to house.

V47: Praised the Lord

Q: Were they nurtured in the Word of God?

A: Yes. V47 "They continued steadfastly in the Apostles doctrine."

Note: Jesus had already built a structure to grow and nurture His church. He started with His cell of 12 men. These 12 apostles imparted His doctrine to the church (see v 42)

Q: How did the Apostles pass on their doctrine and their practical example of Christian living to the greater body of believers?

A: There were 120 at least in the upper room, which gave each apostle 10 people to mentor, who in turn would mentor 2 cell leaders with 10 – 12 people in each cell.

Note: Collectively each Apostle was responsible for connecting 250 new converts into the church.

Q: Where do we first find this structure for connecting the church in the Bible?

A: Exodus 18: 13 – 21 (Read)

Note: This is called the Jethro model and it was God's way of nurturing His "church in the wilderness".

Q: Are you really able to get your personal needs met sufficiently at church on a Sunday? Comment.

Q: How easy is it to form lasting friendships by just meeting at church on Sunday?

Q: What are the benefits you can think of in being in a small group? Please comment.

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