

# Cell Format

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2010

### **Church Vision:**

"To raise up a people passionately in love with Jesus, zealous about His works and bold in the declaration of their faith. A people who will impact the nations by building strong, local churches"

### **Church Mission:**

"Taking cities for Christ and making disciples through Worship, Word, Warfare, Witness, Works and Wealth"

### **Cell Mission:**

"To raise up 12 leaders (sons and daughters) through the steps to success (Win, Consolidate, Disciple and Send) who will relationally connect people into small groups of 3-12, with the purpose of building one church in many locations"

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### **Prayer of Three:**

Matthew 18:19-20

1. The prayer of three is a prayer of agreement for the salvation of souls.
2. Each cell member should have 3 names of likely candidates for salvation.
3. The cell is then divided into groups of three for prayer.
4. Each group of three exchanges the names so that each group has a total of 9 people that they will do battle for.
5. Each day, for thirty days the group should be praying against the demonic spirits and the strongholds that have a hold of the people's minds.
6. The cell may call a day of fasting and once a week when the cell meets they also pray the prayer of 3 as a team.
7. On the third week each cell member will call their 3 people and ask about their welfare. They build relationship, not share the gospel yet.
8. During the 4th and last week of the prayer of 3 they begin to invite them to a Church/Macro/Cell meeting.

## Word:

### **Murray Watkinson**

Using the notes below and any notes you took during the message, take time to discuss the word and take time to pray.

### **Divine Connections and Destiny Relationships**

#### **Foundation:**

The gospel is all about relationship. Firstly the relationship we have with God and then the relationship we have with each other.

We cannot separate relationship with God from relationship with man. When we have a healthy relationship with God, we are able to have healthy relationships with each other.

When we first get saved there is a desire that comes within us to have relationship with other Christians. This is a vital aspect to maintaining and maturing in our walk with the Lord.

It is important for us to recognise the power and importance of relationship. In God's economy He brings people to us to be a part of our destiny. Everything we receive in God comes to us through relationship – this is one of God's principles.

Satan works to destroy relationships. He works to firstly keep us away from relationship with God. Then he works to isolate us away from each other. He constantly works to divide; to break up marriages, families and friendships.

#### **Scriptures:**

**Genesis 2:18** – we were created to have relationship with God and with each other. "It is not good for man to be alone"

**Isaiah 1:8** and **Malachi 3:10** – two of many revelations in the word that show us the type of relationship God wants to have with us

**John 14:6** - God paid the ultimate price to bring us back into relationship with Him – the death of Jesus Christ. Salvation comes through no other way! The blood of Jesus unites us. When one of us suffers, we all feel it. When one of us breaks through, we all rejoice in the victory. When one part of the Body is suffering, the members who are healthy rise up and pray and stand with the one who is weakened.

**Proverbs 18:1** – the enemy works to firstly offend us, then to separate us off and isolate us from the rest of the body. This is one of the most common ways that the enemy works. When we begin to pull back we need to see that the enemy is at work to separate us off. When we see it for what it is, we then need to work to bring resolution to the issue.

Discuss how we can bring resolution when we are offended.

**Matthew 26:31** – Jesus was separated off because the enemy knows that without leadership and direction the church scatters. He also used that strategy in the early church – he used religious leaders to separate off men like Paul, Peter and James.

### **The Church:**

God connects us in a unique and special way. We become one.

The church is 'the gathering' or 'the assembling' of God's people.

It doesn't matter where we come from, what culture we were born into or what language we speak. There is a unity in the church that is higher and stronger than any other relationship on earth – this is because it is Jesus that unifies us. The church becomes multi-national; multi-cultural.

Colossians 2:4-8. There is a spiritual dynamic to the relationship God builds in the church. It is a dynamic that cannot be understood from a natural perspective.

### **Remember:**

God is a relationship creator and Satan is a relationship destroyer

### **Witness:**

Purpose - to prepare and focus the people to witness 'in the highways and byways'.

Teach your group how to lead someone to Jesus –

1. They need to ACKNOWLEDGE before God that they are a sinner – ROM 3v23, AC 3v19, 1 JN 1v9.
2. They need to BELIEVE that Jesus died in their place, that He was raised from the dead to give them eternal life – 2 COR 5v17, 1 PT 3v18.
3. They need to RECEIVE God's free offer of eternal life.
4. They need to ACCEPT Jesus as their Lord – 1 JN 5v11-12, JN 1v12.
5. They need to CONFESS Jesus as their Lord – MT 10v32, ROM 10v9.
6. The following is an example of a salvation prayer –

"Lord Jesus, I open my heart completely to You today. I ask You to forgive me for all of my sin, the things that I have done that have offended You and offended others. Lord Jesus, I yield my whole life completely over to You today".

It is important when reaching new people that you create a non-threatening environment for them to come into. Here are some ideas for reaching new people on a Cell group night

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1. BBQ Night
2. Movie Night
3. Games night

You could also organize fun events on a Saturday morning or afternoon for cell group members to bring their non-Christian friends.

## **Wealth:**

Purpose - To help your group live an abundant and prosperous life by breaking the spirit of poverty and releasing a spirit of generosity.

1. Make it a habit to pass the plate around at the same time each night.
2. Lead people into this exercise by asking them to give an amount that they can afford i.e. \$1 - \$2.
3. Speak to your group about breaking the spirit of poverty by the act of giving.
4. Don't be so concerned about the amount. It is more important that everyone in the group participates each week.
5. Be absolutely positive and be sure you do not bring any soulish pressure.
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## **Works:**

Purpose - To lead your cell group in active involvement toward building the church.

If you choose to host a fun event this month for your group and their non-Christian friends, delegate the organisation of this to responsible members in your group. You could delegate to each member one of the following -

1. Organise the food and drinks needed
2. Organise any tables, chairs etc needed if you are going to the beach or park
3. Ring their friends and family to come along
4. Meet any transport needs within the group

If there are new Christians in your cell group -

1. Assign a person to each one to follow them up and take care of them.
2. Use the Foundation Studies on the Web to teach the new Christians.

If there are members in your group that have been away -

1. Ask a regular person who is in relationship with them to contact them

If someone in your group has had a baby or is physically sick -

1. Organize people to visit that person
2. Help with meals, gardens, child care etc if needed

There is always work to do at Springbank Campsite. If you can organise your group to go out and help in the gardens, please call the office.