

# Cell Format

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 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.

### **Seasons of Prayer:**

We are in a season of prayer – a season where God is calling us to pray.

When we are young in the Lord our prayer life tends to be all one way – us asking Him to answer all our needs; us talking but very rarely listening. As we grow and mature our prayer life should change. We should begin by listening and then praying with understanding what we hear is on His heart – this is the most powerful form of prayer. A call to prayer is a call to listen. When He calls us to prayer, it means He wants to deliver a message to us.

A call to prayer is a call to hear

A call to prayer is a call to communication

A call to prayer is a call to action – praying what God says.

**We need to work the word** – this takes effort. We need to do it no matter what the opposition.

**We need to walk the word** – actually do it! Respond to God

**We need to will the word** – bring our will into alignment with God

**We need to witness the word** – speak it out. Have it confirmed.

### **Six Points to Communicate with God**

1. Illumination of our thoughts – Luke 1:3
2. Discernment of the heart – Mark 2:8
3. Revelation of the Scriptures – Luke 24:32
4. Council of others – Proverbs 11:14
5. Understanding life – Matthew 7:16
6. Through dreams and visions – Acts 2:17-18

## **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 -

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.