

Cell Format

Sunday 31st October 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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Notices:

Working Bees:

Men's cell groups needed for working bee out at Spring bank, all outside work mowing, gardening, moving hay etc.

Men's & Women's cell groups also needed for working bee around the church.

Please contact Michelle and let her know if your cell group is able to help.
389-7055 or e-mail michelle@celebrationcentre.com

Fundraising for Building project:

As part of our building project in the church we would like each cell group to take up an offering to raise \$50 each by the end of the month. This will go towards the upgrade of the café and entrance areas. Offerings can be handed into the information desk. Thankyou

Women's Encounter: 5-6th November

Leadership Training Weekend: 19-20th November

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.

Covenant Relationships Pt 4

The covenant between God and man was a blood covenant. Blood had to be shed in order for it to be effective. It was a covenant that was never intended to be broken. (Old Testament)

The new covenant was established through the life and death on the cross of Jesus Christ. (New Testament)

There were 10 steps in the Covenant making process in the Jewish culture. Many of these steps are modeled in the traditional marriage ceremony which is the highest covenant relationship on earth.

Steps of Covenant - The Exchanges

1. Exchange of Robes – represents change of identity. The Prodigal son returned home after breaking covenant with his family and God. "Father I have sinned against you and My Father in heaven" **Luke 15:11-32**
His Father then placed a robe on his son and re-established covenant relationship with him.

2. Exchange of Belts - represents change of strength. They traded their belts which represented transferring weapons, wealth and strength

3. Exchange of Weapons – represents enemies. Your enemies would become my enemies and my enemies would become your enemies. It's good to know who is on your side. When you are on a rugby field you want to know who is there with you and who's got your back! All team players need to be there 100% not half hearted.

4. Exchange of Shedding of Blood Sacrifice - cut in particular way **Gen 15:9-10** – Jesus was the ultimate blood sacrifice

5. Exchange of Walk of Death - symbolized in the marriage ceremony when the bridal party walks down the centre aisle. Once the animal was sacrificed it was cut in two and spread out. Both parties would walk down the centre of the animal that was cut down the middle making a figure 8 symbolic of joining the two families together.

6. Exchange of Mark of the Body - called the "striking of the hands". Each party would cut their wrists and rub together to mix the blood. The fresh wound would have ashes rubbed into it to leave a lasting mark. When people would wave in the streets, the mark on the wrist would identify who they were in covenant relationship with. **Isaiah 49:16, 22**
David had confidence to stand up, confront and kill Goliath because of his covenant relationship with God. David said, "Who is this uncircumcised philistine that he would defy the armies of the living God"
1Sam17:26, 1 Sam17:50-51

7. Exchange of Pronouncement of Blessings & Curses – We need the blessing of God on our marriages and families especially in these days. Don't let go of your covenant with the wife of your youth. Love your families. **Deut 28**

8. Exchange of Covenant Meal – Part of the marriage ceremony is the cutting of the cake. In the Old Testament the men would feed each other! **John 6:53** Like communion, we do it publicly to show the world and one another we are connected to one another and God.

9. Exchange of Names - To identify you are now part of another family that you have made covenant with! The woman gives up her name and takes on the name of her husbands in marriage. We as a church even covenant with other churches and take on the name of the founding church as identity!

10. Exchange of Firstborn Son – exchanged their first born sons. The father offered up His only first born son. Jesus was the exchange for our lives, so we may live forever **John 3:16**

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keeps covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.

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.