

# Cell Format

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 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:**

#### **9am Service – Prayer**

The 9am service is dedicated to prayer – teaching and activation. This is a great way for the body to receive the spirit of prayer. Encourage your cell members to come as this is open to everyone!

### **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.

### **Progressive or Regressive Part 3**

Murray re-capped on last weeks message so please continue to discuss as you feel appropriate for your group.

#### **Scriptures:**

James 1:2-4

John 16:13

2 Corinthians 6:3-9

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

#### **We are called to be "Great in Faith and Mighty in Battle"**

Biblical faith comes when all our natural resources run out and when we are at the end of ourselves. This is where we see the miraculous!

God uses the tests that come to develop and strengthen us. Go back to basic commitments, prayer, reading the word and continue to fulfill responsibilities.

Discuss how we can stand strong even when assaults come one after the other i.e. family, health, relationships. How do we stand strong when we are in the midst of battles and be able continue to fulfil responsibilities?

We need to push through not pull back when assaults come.

#### **Signs that you are regressing**

1. Loss of excitement
2. Carelessness comes over our goals and destiny. Don't lay responsibilities down
3. We begin to make excuses for everything. **2 Corinthians 1:8-11** (The pressure was so great but they trusted God in the midst of trials)
4. When feelings over rule your commitments
5. Backsliding-regression. Once you lay down your weapons, you open yourself up to the demonic realm.

#### **Signs that you are progressing**

1. Change – we may not be able to change circumstances but you can change you! You can only change when you hear from God and you follow it through
2. Love for the truth and a teachable spirit
3. Strong commitment – knows how to hold onto God no matter what!
4. Strong relationships – Always growing and stretching in new levels of relationships that lift you up!

Let's agree together that we would not be like those who shrink back but be "Great in Faith & Mighty in Battle" Lets ARISE, hold on to the Holy Spirit and march forward in victory. Become more like Jesus. Have boldness to stand and fight the good fight. Resist the devil and he will flee.

## **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.