

Cell Format

Sunday 9th May 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 – Sunday 16th May

This Sunday's 9am service will be dedicated to corporate prayer and teaching. Please let your cell members know and encourage them to come. It is a great chance to catch the spirit of prayer.

Fragrance

Wednesday 19th May at 7.30pm
Nancy will be sharing and ministering this night.
All are welcome!

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.

Prayer:

Murray shared the points from the last 2 weeks – notes for this can be found in the Cell Format for Sunday 25th April and Sunday 2nd May.

Practical Steps to Effective Prayer

Psalm 146:10

Psalm 84:4

Clear the mind:

Often when we start to pray our minds are busy with various thoughts. One way to clear our mind is to write down what your thoughts are. Then you will be able to concentrate on prayer.

Guilt/Conviction V's Condemnation:

Sometimes we struggle with condemnation when we go to God in prayer. There is a clear difference between guilt/conviction and condemnation.

Guilt is when the Holy Spirit is convicting us of sin and He always makes it clear. We know why we feel guilt and we are able to respond to God in repentance.

Condemnation is an attack from the enemy that keeps us out of prayer. We feel bad but we don't know what we've done! God is not convicting us of anything specific. It is at this time that we need to rebuke the enemy and be confident in the love of God.

See God:

Visualise God standing there before us in prayer and worship. He is not afar off in the distance; He is close by desiring intimacy with us.

Busy Life?

Even when we are busy we can always find time to pray - in the car, while doing the dishes, in the garden etc. We can commune with God while we are doing the mundane weekly tasks!

Tips to keeping the mind focused and the body busy:

- 1 – pray out loud
- 2 – walk while praying (if not in the car!)
- 3 – use music to tune in your mind, body and soul

Don't forget to listen.....

Ask God a question and then wait for Him to answer!

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.