

**IMPACT**  
GROUPS



# **BASIC SMALL GROUP/HOUSE CHURCHES TRAINING**

# SMALL GROUPS ARE THE **HEARTBEAT** OF THE CHURCH

- The **vision** should be God – inspired and needed in the world. We take it seriously that God has placed you in **as part of this network**, and given you a desire to lead others. So we want to help you clarify the **vision**, then give you an opportunity to pursue it. We are committed to **empower** and **develop** you as a leader. [To make a difference]
- Your commitment will create life change in individuals and the community, and ensure that it is restored to what God intended it to be.



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- Small gatherings of followers of Christ meeting on their own, *facilitated* by a leader, are not a new phenomenon. In fact, in the first few hundred years of the Church, these kind of groups were pretty much the only way to experience 'church'.
- **Luke** describes these types of gatherings in **Acts 2:42-47**, and throughout years of church history, the value of these gatherings has not changed.



Connect To the World



**Discover**  
**1**

Connect To **God**



**Establish**  
**2**

FULLY  
DEVOTED  
FOLLOWERS  
OF JESUS  
CHRIST

Mark 12:<sup>29-31</sup>  
Matt 28:<sup>18-20</sup>



**Grow**  
**3**

Connect To **one another**



**Reach out**  
**4**

Connect To **Community**



Connecting with God  
Serving people  
Prayer

To Prosper  
Make a difference  
Impact

Community  
People  
Church

God's Word  
Serving people  
Prayer

Members  
Visitors  
People

Community  
Neighbours  
Countries



**ANATOMY OF SMALL GROUPS**

# SMALL GROUPS ARE THE **HEARTBEAT DNA** OF THE CHURCH LIKE THE **KIDNEYS** OF OUR BODIES

## Relationships

- Meaningful relationships develop, and the group figures out how to support and take care of each other.

## Growth

- All individuals grow . . . to be more of whom God made them to be. This occurs as a result of being around the others in the group.

## Community change

- Groups influence their community by taking **ownership** to bring about restoration and change.



# HOW DOES MY GROUP FIT INTO GOD'S VISION?

- Own the vision and direction for your group. Begin by asking yourself these questions:
  - What kind of group do you want to lead, [Usually like-minded people] **relational**
  - What do you want your group to be centered around
  - What activities will you do
  - How and when will we **multiply** the group



# How Does My Group Fit into God's Vision?

- Develop people through **mentorship**
- Be there for the group
  - Maintain your own vibrant spiritual life
  - Replicate your leadership in others
  - Support your group when in crisis

People don't care how much you **KNOW**, until they know how much you **CARE**



# How Does My Group Fit into God's Vision?

- My **goal** for being there for my group is:
  - I will contact \_\_\_\_\_ members per week
  - I will spend \_\_\_\_\_ time with God
  - I will pray \_\_\_\_\_ for members



# HOW DOES MY GROUP FIT INTO GOD'S VISION?

- Take **ownership** of your own development as a leader.
  - Utilize people and resources designed to enhance growth
  - Build relationships with other leaders

Existing leaders are one of the greatest resources of support and ideas



# HOW DOES MY GROUP FIT INTO GOD'S VISION?

- These questions may help
  - What will relationships look like in your group
  - How do you hope to see people grow because of your group
  - How will the **community** be **impacted** and change because of your group



# WHAT DOES A SMALL GROUP “LOOK LIKE”?

Basically, the Group Meeting has 4 Components:

- **a. Connecting:** With each other and then with God. A time at the beginning of the meeting to talk and get acquainted, followed by a time for **Praise & Worship** to prepare our hearts for His Word. (**15-20 min.**)

WORSHIP  
CONNECTS  
PEOPLE TO GOD



# WHAT DOES A KONNEKT GROUP “LOOK LIKE”?

- **b. Studying:** Discussion and application of the Bible, and the Word during weekly service to our daily lives. (**30 min.**)



# WHAT DOES A SMALL GROUP “LOOK LIKE”?

- **c. Sharing:** Talking about our challenges, needs, joys, and sorrows in the journey of life. Thus encourage and edify



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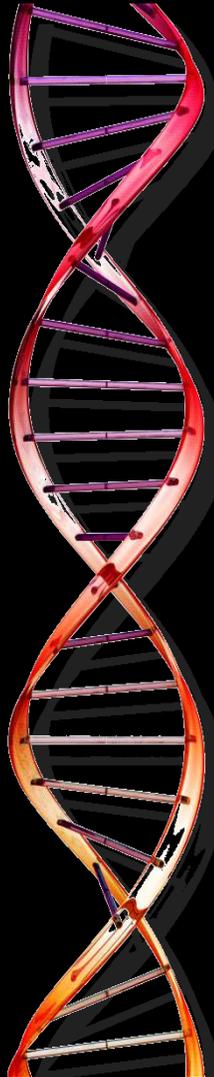
What we believe  
What is true

LISTEN

What God's saying about  
something or someone

WORKS

What we say  
What we do



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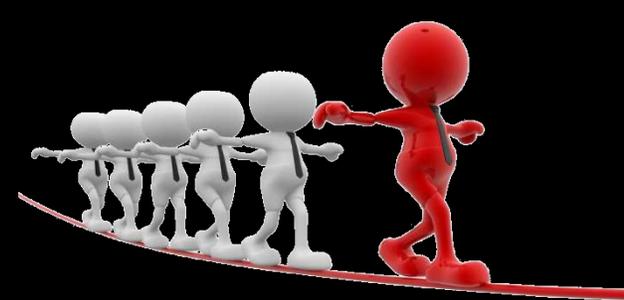
- **d. Praying:** Giving and receiving prayer, support, and encouragement for the things that have been shared with the group. (**15-20 min**)



# 3. WHAT IS THE GROUP LEADER'S ROLE?

The Group Leader's Role has 3 Components:

- **a. Leading:**
  - Casting Vision
  - Planning & Facilitating Meetings
  - Ensuring Group Development: Fellowship, Care / Prayer, Growth, & Outreach.
  - Activate and Mobilise



# 3. WHAT IS THE GROUP LEADER'S ROLE?

- **b. Shepherding:**
  - 1. Providing Care and Prayer for Group Members & Visitors
  - 2. Ensuring Group Members create a practical Growth Plan



# 3. WHAT IS THE GROUP LEADER'S ROLE?

- **c. Administrating:**
  - If Refreshments are provided for each meeting, involve the group
  - **Visitor Follow-up:** Call between meetings to encourage.
  - **Reporting:** Take Attendance at each meeting and send in Weekly Report.

**NOTE:** It is recommended that the Leader utilize others appropriately gifted within the group to help accomplish the above list of tasks.

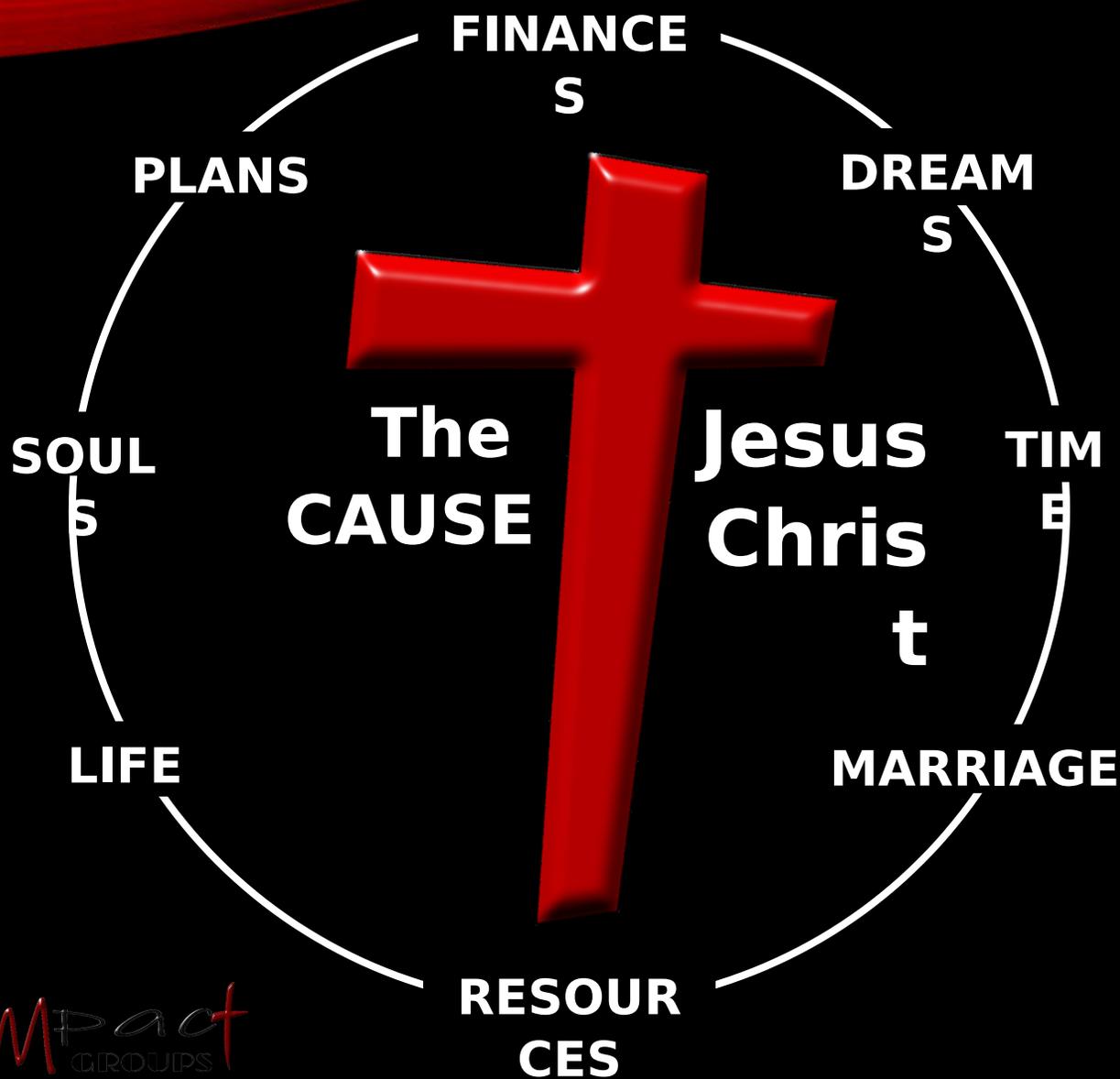


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CONNECTING AT THE CROSS



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Difference

