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How to Use Learning to Lead

Apprentice Leader Training

These sessions equip you to accomplish the *Five Main Objectives of Our Life Group*. They are designed to be used by a Group Leader in the training of his/her Apprentice Leader (Leader in Training).

The Apprentice should:

- Study and prepare ahead of meeting together with the leader (usually once a month for one hour).
- Together they review and discuss the content to be sure there is a clear understanding.
- The principles learned in each session should be implemented in the Small Group time in the weeks that follow. Many of these principles will simply be **applied in the group**. Some are meant to be **taught to the group**. You will either have to allow time in the group or use the Bible Study time to teach these Biblical truths.

The following shows how the Apprentice Training fits into the Strategy for Developing people:

Strategy for Developing People

Objective	Life Group	Leader & Apprentice	Coach & Leader
1. Welcome Love/Sharing	Get to know each other	Developing a friendship	Sharing the burden for the church and community
2. Worship Singing, Prayer and Praise for:	Worship God Pray for Each Other Unsaved Friends	Worship God Pray for Each Other Group Members Outreach and Growth	Worship God Pray for Each Other Apprentices Birthing of Groups
3. Win Reach Out	Learn How to Share Christ, Pray for and Reach New People	Equip and Encourage Group Members to Pray for and Reach Non-Christian Friends	Planning Outreach Events - Group and Church wide
4. Word Learn/Bible Study “Skills Training”	How to Live the Christian Life	How to Develop and Reproduce our Group	How to Lead Your Group
5. Work Serve/Leader Development • One-to-One	Dynamic Basics Dynamic Discipling	Learning to Lead Dynamic Sharing	Leading Your Group
• Small Group Together as a Group	Small Group Time	Explosive Growth Disciple-Making Process Workshops and Annual Retreat	Explosive Growth Disciple-Making Process & Annual Retreat

Overall Strategy for Developing People

Objective	Life Group	Leader and Apprentice	Coach and Leader	Pastor and Coach	Church-to-Church Mentoring
1. Welcome Love/Sharing	Get to know each other	Developing a friendship	Sharing the burden for the church and community	Developing a vision and passion for ministry to reach people	- Getting to know all the pastors - Learning to appreciate our oneness - Serving each other and each other's church
2. Worship Singing, Praise and Prayer for:	Worship God - Praise God for each other	Worship God praise God for: - each other - group members - outreach and growth opportunities	Worship God and praise Him for: - Apprentices - Group members - birthing of new groups	Worship God, Pray for: - Leaders - His future direction - community saturation - church planting and expansion	Worship God and Praise Him for: - each other's ministries - oneness (one Church) - expansion/equip other churches - city/area total saturation prayer strategy
3. Win Reach Out	- Pray for unsaved friends - Learn how to share Christ - Pray for and reach new people	Equip and encourage group members to pray for and reach non-Christian friends	Planning Outreach Events - Group and Church wide	- Planning Outreach Events - Church-wide and city-wide - Cross cultural ministry - Short Term Ministry Projects	- Plan and implement co-operative City/Area Evangelism saturation strategy - Adopt a city/country of the world
4. Word Bible Study "Skills Training"	How to live the Christian life	How to develop and reproduce our group	How to Lead Your Group	- Expand the vision - Developing a Biblical strategy to fulfil the Great Commission	Believing God for our city, country and our world
5. Work Leader Development • One-to-One	- Dynamic Basics - Dynamic Discipling	- Learning to Lead - Dynamic Sharing	Leading Your Group	- Becoming a Certified Trainer - Capturing God's Vision	- Life on Life Mentoring - Capturing God's Vision - Equipping other churches
• Small Group Together as a group	Small Group time experince	- Explosive Growth Disciple-Making Process - Annual Retreat	- Explosive Growth Disciple-Making Process - Annual Retreat	- Building the Team - Substance Abuse Ministry - Annual Retreat	- Strategy to reach our city, country and beyond - Co-operative city-wide equipping events

Life Group Dynamics

Introduction

The Life Group Ministry of our church is a vehicle for carrying out the mandate of Ephesians 4:12 “*to equip the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ*”. The pastor cannot meet all of the needs of the body by himself. He and other gifted leaders God has given to our church are responsible for training, equipping, and delegating in order that **every member** of the church will throw off their passive roles and begin to be the **minister** they are meant to be.

Jesus demonstrated the dynamics of the small group in His training of the Twelve and also spent a great deal of one-to-one time with each of His disciples. These disciples modelled His ministry and the early church began. They met and fellowshiped together. They had no church buildings at that time so they gathered in the Jewish temple courts and also met from house to house in small groups (see Acts 5:42, Acts 2:41-47, and Acts 20:20). The result was powerful! “*The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*” Acts 2:47

Today we meet together as a local church to worship the Lord. We celebrate His abundant blessings and learn together from God’s Word. There is also a need for people to meet in small groups to share their lives as they study God’s Word and pray together in an environment of intimacy and accountability. In a Life Group, genuine fellowship occurs as we care for one another and share our concerns.

Fellowship is not the purpose of the Life Group, but it is a vital part and is indeed, a by-product. Life Groups must be seen as vehicles for evangelism and discipleship. They help assimilate new people by connecting them to the church family.

When Christians are equipped for, and involved in reproducing their lives in others through ministry, they will grow spiritually. Their desire to know God’s Word and their commitment to pray for and care for each other will increase. Many believe that teaching the Word will result in ministry and outreach. Experience shows that ministering creates a need to learn from God’s Word. This will result in changed lives! New leaders will be developed within your group as you demonstrate leadership. As your Life Group grows and develops reproducing Christians you will form new groups.

Discipleship is a key to growth. The most effective way to develop disciples is **One-to-One**. One-to-One training is perhaps the most important dynamic of your Life Group. Each person in your group is given opportunity to be trained in Dynamic Basics (4 sessions), Dynamic Discipling (9 sessions) and Dynamic Sharing (6 sessions). These One-to-One sessions are conducted outside the Small Group gatherings. A trained person meets with another person at a convenient time and place. A man trains a man, a woman trains a woman. From these disciples leaders will be developed.