

Sunday's Theme – "Acts 3: All Eyes on Jesus"

All these components should be present at a normal cell meeting. Some nights you may not get to everything, but each of these should be present at least 75% of the time (e.g. once/month you might not get to the Vision time and so on). The components do not need to be in this order necessarily, except that generally you ought to begin with a welcoming time, and end with a vision time (close the meeting with an *outward focus*).

Please note the time constraints for each part of the meeting!

WELCOME (10 minutes):

The purpose of this time is to "bring people in." You may use an icebreaker, but if you do make sure that it is one that can be completed by everyone in 10 minutes (i.e. each person takes only about a minute to answer). Occasionally, during this time, someone will share a deep need/hurt. If so, feel free to minister to them in prayer etc.

Ice Breaker Question: If you could have one talent or skill immediately given to you without having to work for it or be born with it, what would it be?

WORSHIP (15 minutes):

Normally choose 2-3 songs. It's also good to start by reading a short Scripture passage. You may also want to allow time for simple prayers of praise from the group. Optionally, you may also want to incorporate Communion as part of your worship time.

Scripture ideas to use:

- Colossians 1:13-18

Song ideas to use:

1. Forever Reign (#85)
2. It Has Always Been You (#16)

WORD (20 minutes):

The purpose of this time is not for Bible *study* but instead, Bible *application*. Focus on personal application of scriptural truths. Ask people what concrete actions they should take in response to the scripture.

Read Acts 3:1-10

1. Think about this man who had been crippled in his feet and ankles since birth. In the next chapter we learn that this man was at least 40 years old. He had never walked. Imagine yourself as the cripple:
 - a. What would you write as a diary entry for a typical day?

- b. When Peter grabs your hand, what thoughts flood your mind?
 - c. What do you write in your diary after the events here?
2. What was the purpose of miracles at this time? (see Acts 2:22)
3. Would you have done the same thing as Peter did, or would you have asked John for some change to give the man? Why or why not?
4. What might increase your trust in God to work through you?

Read Acts 3:11-16

5. Peter uses the miracle and the crowd that forms as an opportunity to talk about Jesus. When Jesus was on trial Peter denied three times that he even knew Jesus. Now he can't stop talking about him. What's changed?
6. In this passage we see that praying for healing goes hand in hand with evangelism. What is the outcome of this healing and then of Peter's message? (see Acts 4:3-4)
7. How might we apply this dynamic of praying for healing and telling people about Jesus in our church context here in Gig Harbor?

PRAYER (15 minutes):

Prayer ministry may be incorporated at any time during the meeting. If a lot of prayer ministry took place during the worship time, or as a result of things shared during the word time, don't feel as though you have to have another separate time for prayer. However, if there hasn't been time for prayer elsewhere, please do not short-change this part of the meeting.

In addition to praying for any personal needs your group has, consider brainstorming about specific prayers for people in your community where answers to those prayer may lead to an opportunity for evangelism. For example, if you know of an unchurched neighbor or friend going through a difficult time, consider asking them if it's okay if your small group could be praying for them.

VISION (5 minutes):

This can be incorporated into a closing prayer time, and should be focused on the vision of the cell: to reach people who don't know Jesus. It may include sharing about those you are praying for, and encouragement in praying for and speaking to those who are not Christians.

This next Saturday (June 7) is the parade in downtown Gig Harbor. One Hope Church will be walking in the parade this year. Encourage your group to participate as a way to reach out to the community and help get the word out about OHC (contact Carrie Allen or Kate Bare if you're able to walk in the parade). For those not able to walk in the parade, encourage them to be in prayer for the event that we would in a loving way be able to focus the spotlight on Jesus!

CLOSING & ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)