

### ***Sunday's Theme – Mark 10 – “Baby Faith”***

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:** What’s one of the coolest things your mom or dad ever did for you? It could be a fun thing, or a challenging thing, or just some way they showed you they loved you.

#### **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 idea to use:**

- Psalm 103:1-14

**Song ideas to use:**

1. We Are Your Children (#43)
2. Once Again (#22)
3. We Exalt Thee (#50)

#### **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 Mark 10:13-16

1. Why would the disciples want to keep the children away from Jesus?
2. What childlike qualities was Jesus commending?

Read Mark 10:17-27

3. How does the man's question compare with what Jesus had just taught about the kingdom (v.15)?
4. What was his assumption about how one gains the Kingdom?
5. What was Jesus trying to drive home by responding to the way the man addressed him? (v. 18)
6. Jesus quizzes the man on only a partial list of the Ten Commandments (see Ex 20). How well might the man have obeyed the ones relating directly to God?
7. Why does Jesus command the man as he does?
8. What does his response reveal which had been hidden by his good works?

Reflect

9. Are you more like the man or the children in terms of the way in which you approach God?
10. What has helped you to see the impossibility of 'earning' the kingdom?
11. What in your life could Jesus point to as something that is preventing you from receiving the kingdom?

*(NOTE: Questions this week are taken directly from the Serendipity Bible)*

**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 needs shared in the group, also pray for one another that you would each grow in your experience of God as a Father who loves you unconditionally, holds you in his arms and wishes the absolutely best for you, even when he disciplines you.

**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.**

Close the gathering by focusing outward. Encourage your group members to be on the lookout for visitors at church and to take steps to get to know them in order to eventually invite them to your cell group.

**CLOSING & ANNOUNCEMENTS** (5 minutes)