

Sunday's Theme – Mark 13 – “How It All Ends”

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: Do you like to know how a book or movie ends before you read it or watch it or do you like to be surprised?

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:

- Revelation 22:1-5

Song ideas to use:

1. Revelation Song (#93)
2. Beautiful (#1)

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.

Note to Leader: It could be easy to get wrapped up in a discussion trying to figure everything in this passage out and speculating on the details of the end times. Instead try to steer the discussion to those final verses and the command to “be alert” and what that means for each person in your group

Read Mark 13:1-27

1. When you see the forces of evil apparently winning, do you feel like withdrawing from the battle or rolling up your sleeves? How does this chapter encourage you?
2. What is the most exciting thing to you about the Second Coming? The most distressing? What questions would you like to ask Jesus about it?

Read Mark 13:28-37

3. How specifically do you fulfill the verses 34 and 37: "Be on guard! Be alert... Watch!"?
4. If you knew for a fact that Jesus would return sometime this year, what would you do differently?

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 spend some time praying for the persecuted church, particular those Christians suffering in parts of Middle East and Africa due to the threat from ISIS and other related groups.

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)