

Sunday's Theme – 1 Peter 2:11 – 3:12 – “Radical Witness”

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: When a conversation turns to a controversial topic and becomes heated, do you tend to try to “win the debate” or “change the subject”?

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:

- 1 Peter 2:21-25

Song ideas to use:

1. I Will Follow (#82)
2. Overcome (#94)

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.

The Big Idea: We are called to not just communicate the truth of Christianity, but also its beauty. Rather than fight back against being slandered, we are to silence the false accusations of our culture by living exemplary lives of humble love and service. We are to follow Jesus' example of submission and be willing to suffer even in the face of injustice.

Read 1 Peter 2:11-12 and 3:8-9 (the bookends of the “submission” passages)

1. How do you think people who aren't believers or church goers here in Gig Harbor view Christians and/or view the church in Gig Harbor?
2. Where the view is negative, we can combat those views by engaging our city with acts of kindness and service. For the rest of your discussion time do the following [this will be your Vision time as well].
 - a. Brainstorm and come up with a list of 10 things you can do as a cell group together to serve people in Gig Harbor with no strings attached (if asked why you are doing what you are doing you can simply respond, “We just wanted to share God’s love in a practical way.”)
 - b. Now pick just one of those 10 things to do and work on picking a date to do it on.
 - c. If time allows, spend some time planning the event and deciding who is going to do what as part of the preparation for the outreach

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 in the group, spend time praying for the service evangelism project you picked during the Word time.

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.

[The Vision time for this week was incorporated into the Word time]

CLOSING & ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)