

### ***Sunday's Theme – 1 Peter 3:15 – "Sharing Your 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:** All time favorite thing to drink?

#### **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:**

- John 7:37-39; Acts 1:4-8

**Song ideas to use:**

1. All Who Are Thirsty (#33)
2. Be the Center (#34)

#### **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 should all be ready to share the gospel when the opportunity presents itself. We someone asks us what we believe and why we believe it, we should be prepared to know how to share the gospel and we should also be able to share how the gospel has impacted and changed us. Let's get ourselves ready!

Read 1 Peter 3:15

1. Do you feel ready or prepared to give an answer for the hope that is in you?

2. Have you ever shared the gospel with another person?
3. Have you ever helped someone become a Christian? If not, would you like to?
4. On Sunday, Peter demonstrated how to use the “Bridge Diagram” to present the gospel to someone. Pass out the handouts that were made available on Sunday (or download them from the Cell Group Resources page of the website). Spend the remainder of your Word time practicing using the bridge diagram as a group. You can make this kind of fun by doing the following:
  - a. Pick one person who the group is going to share the gospel with – they get the easy job and can just sit and listen, or if they want they can raise objections or ask questions
  - b. Have the first person in the circle start to share the Bridge diagram.
  - c. Then every 30 seconds ring a buzzer so that the next person in the circle has to take over the presentation.

### **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 that God would lead you to people who are ready to hear the gospel and that you would be ready to share it!

### **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.**

If you think of our Sunday morning worship services as a large rescue ship heading out to the wreckage of the Titanic, you can think of cell groups as the lifeboats lowered into the water that goes out to pull drowning people from the open sea. Encourage your group to be a lifeboat, in which everyone has a role to play. Some will row, some will be on the lookout for people floating water, some will pull the people into the boat, others will put the blankets over the freezing people and help to warm them up. We all have a gift. Let's use them for the mission Jesus has given us – to seek and save the lost!

### **CLOSING & ANNOUNCEMENTS** (5 minutes)