

Sunday's Theme – 1 Peter 4:7-5:14 – "End Game"

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 any talent or ability instantaneously without practicing, 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 idea to use:

- 1 Peter 1:1-2 (Note the Trinitarian theme of verse 2 – this past Sunday was Trinity Sunday – Note the role of the whole Trinity in saving us and loving us)

Song ideas to use:

1. One Thing Remains (#92)
2. Glorify Thy Name (#7)

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 1 Peter 4:7-5:10

1. Peter on Sunday listed eight characteristics of a church or individuals that go the distance. Note them below and discuss which of these eight spoke the most to you and why. Discuss what you can specifically do this week to grow in this one specific area.

- a. Prayer that thinks (Prayer)
- b. Love that covers (Love)
- c. Doors that swing (Hospitality)
- d. Gifts that flow (Stewardship of our Gifts)
- e. Suffering that entrusts (Trusting God in the Midst of Suffering)
- f. Leaders that serve (Leadership)
- g. Humility that casts (Trusting God to watch out for you as you watch out for others)
- h. Resistance that's fierce (Spiritual Warfare)

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 that each of you would have a faith that goes the distance and that you would each "finish well".

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.

Consider planning an impromptu service outreach during Harbor Days this weekend in Gig Harbor. Pick up trash at the parade, hand out free soda cans, etc.

CLOSING & ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)