

Discipleship and The Art and Science of Small Groups

Elements
and
Principles





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ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

- LINE



- SHAPE



- FORM



- COLOR



- TEXTURE



- SPACE



- VALUE



PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN

- PATTERN



- SCALE/
PROPORTION



- CONTRAST



- HARMONY



- EMPHASIS



- RHYTHM/
MOVEMENT



- BALANCE



Small Groups

Yes, the art of leading
a small group
is messy at times—
yet small groups...

are an
essential element
of Discipleship!



Discipleship...

..is the
intentional and relational
process of maturing
Christ-centered believers
and mobilizing them
for ministry.



ELEMENTS OF A SMALL GROUP

- CONNECT



- CARE



- TRUTH



- PRAYER



- SKILLS



- SERVE



- SHARE



- MULTIPLY



Small Group Objectives

Intentional

Relational

● Maturing

Mobilizing



INTENTIONAL

WITH PURPOSE



COMMON FAITH

CONNECT

*⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to **fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

*⁴³ Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all those who had believed were **together** and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. ⁴⁶ Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals **together** with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

Acts 2:42-47

TRUTH

TEACH AND...



KNOW GOD'S WORD

*¹⁶ All Scripture is **inspired by God** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;
¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17

SKILLS

WISDOM



APPLY

EQUIP

MATURITY

*²⁸ We proclaim Him,
admonishing every man
and **teaching** every man
with all wisdom,
so that we may present
every man **complete**
in Christ.*

Colossians 1:28

SHARE

CONVERSATIONS



TRUST

ENCOURAGE

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

*⁸ Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to **impart** to you not only the gospel of God but also **our own lives**, because you had become very dear to us.*

1 Thessalonians 2:8

CARE

BEAR BURDENS

ALONGSIDE



INSPIRE HOPE

MEETING NEEDS

*² **Bear** one another's burdens,
and thereby fulfill the
law of Christ.*

Galatians 6:2

PRAYER

ADORATION

CONFESSION



THANKSGIVING

SUPPLICATION

¹⁶ Therefore, **confess** your sins to one another, and **pray for one another** so that you may be healed. The **effective prayer** of a righteous man can accomplish much.

James 5:16



SERVE

³ *Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with **humility** of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;*

⁴ *do not merely **look out for** your own personal interests, but also for the **interests of others.***

Philippians 2:3-4

MULTIPLY

KINGDOM BUILDING



¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

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OBJECTIVES

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ELEMENTS

Connect
Truth
Skills
Share
Care
Prayer
Serve
Multiply

FOLLOW-UP

Training in the
Principles
of Leading
and Shepherding
a Small Group

