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Welcome to...

Redeemer C.R.E.W. Small Group Leadership Training



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Small Group Philosophy

Vision and values

Biblical Mandates:

- John 13:15
- 1 Peter 2:1-3
- Ephesians 5:1-2
- John 13:34-35
- Hebrews 5:11-6:3
- Matthew 28:19-20
- 1 Chronicles 16:23-29

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Mission Statement:

To facilitate intimate loving relationships between students and mentors where participants experience growth toward Christlikeness together for the purpose of developing spiritually mature leaders who will glorify God eternally.

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Philosophy behind small groups:

- Our Mandate – Christlikeness
- Our Strategy – Small groups
- The Example – Small group leader
- The Goal – Multiply
- The Catalyst – Worship

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Developing Fully Devoted Followers

What does it mean to be like Jesus?

- What is a disciple?
“Living as Christ would if he were in my place”
- How does a disciple function in the church?
 1. Saved by grace
 2. Spiritual growth
 3. Community participation
 4. Uses spiritual gifts
 5. Stewardship

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Small Groups in the New Testament

Biblical Examples:

- Jesus and the Twelve
- Paul and his missionary team
- Meeting in homes
- House churches

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Characteristics of these Examples:

- Leader
- Met in homes
- Purposeful
- Frequent and continual
- Relational
- Unified

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The Purposes for these Biblical Small Groups:

- Worship
- Teaching
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Praise
- Unity
- Evangelism

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What is Biblical Community?

Biblical Community:

“Christian community is the body of Christ expressing the life and message of Christ to build one another and redeemer the world for God’s glory.”

Key Scriptures:

- Acts 2:46-47
- 1 Corinthians 12:7
- Hebrews 10:24-25
- 2 Timothy 2:2

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So Why Small Groups?

“The church today is suffering a fellowship crisis. It is simply not experiencing nor demonstrating that ‘fellowship of the Holy Spirit’ (2 Cor.13:14) that marked the New Testament Church. In a world of big, impersonal institutions, the church often looks like just another big, impersonal institution. One seldom finds within the institutionalized church today that winsome intimacy among people where masks are dropped, honesty prevails and there is that sense of communication and community beyond the human – where there is literally the fellowship of and in the Holy Spirit....

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...Our churches are filled with people who outwardly look contented and at peace but inwardly are crying out for someone to love them...just as they are – confused, frustrated, often frightened, guilty, and often unable to communicate even within their own families. But the *other* people in the church *look* so happy and contented that one seldom has the courage to admit his own deep needs before such a self-sufficient group as the average church meeting appears to be.”

~ Howard A. Snyder

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“At least 85 percent of the lay people in the typical congregation tend to think primarily in relational, not functional terms.”

~ Lyle E. Schaller

Assimilating New Members

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The Dallas Morning News: *Reasons For Attending Church*

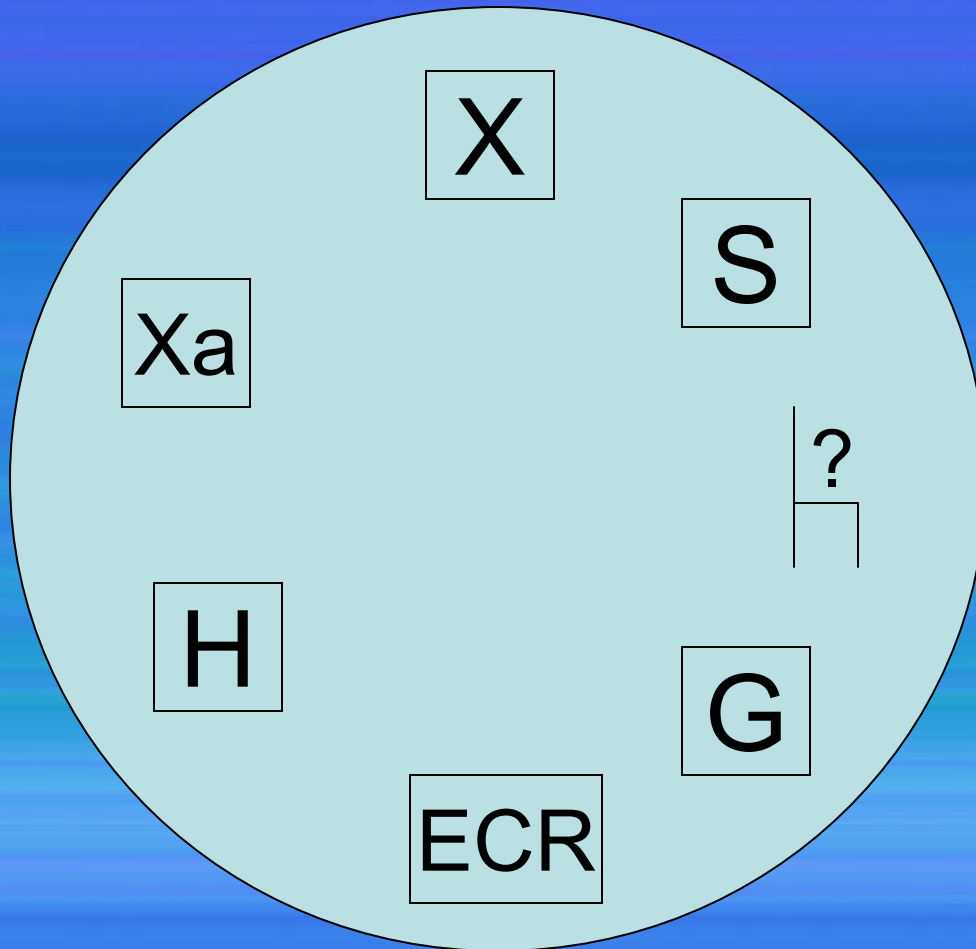
- Fellowship/the people 36%
- Location 24%
- Minister/priest/rabbi 20%
- To worship God 13%
- Peace of mind 13%
- Raised there/habit 10%

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Typical Structure of a Small Group



X – Group Leader

S – Seeker

? – Open chair

G – Growing disciples

ECR – Extra Care Required

H – Hospitality person

Xa – Apprentice

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