

Small Group Basics

- 1) 6-12 people, personal invitation
- 2) Meet weekly in a home or at church for approximately 90 minutes
- 3) 12 week commitment, then multiply or opt out
- 4) Focus on Jesus & getting to know Him *in His Word* (particularly the Gospels) -don't use other books. Consider using the S.O.A.P model for Bible-study
- 5) 30 minutes of sharing "Jesus Stories" What did God do this week for you, through you, or for someone you know?(randomly -don't go in a circle)

30 minutes of "Popcorn Prayer" (skip prayer requests -let them surface as you pray)

30 minutes of Bible study (random reading) –imagine scenes, personal applications
- 8) Seek group service/outreach opportunities to "Share" Jesus in your community
- 6) Safe place for non-members to come and build into a network of believers
- 7) "Pre-prayer" is the only needed preparation. No training or credentials needed
- 9) Wonderful modeling for those not yet experiencing the "Three Legs of The Stool"

Bible-study time organized around: the acronym S.O.A.P.

- S: Scripture select a portion of scripture to read out loud
O: Observation what do you feel, see, experience
A: Application how will you apply it to your life this week*
P: Prayer group leader ends with a prayer or song

*These "Sharing Jesus Stories" often come out of the Application section of the Bible Study time from the previous week.