

Why Small Groups Are Important

Matthew 10:25 “It is enough for the disciple that he may become like his teacher, and the slave like his master.” In the Master Plan by Robert Coleman he speaks about how vital it is that those helping others grow in the Lord keep the idea and finish product before their eyes.¹ The goal of discipleship is to help individuals in their goal to grow in Jesus by assisting them to see the application of Scripture throughout their daily life. Our goal as small group leaders is to help people see the word of God applied.

“Concerning him we have much to say, and *it is* difficult to explain, since you have become poor listeners. **12**For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the actual words of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. **13**For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is unacquainted with the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. **14**But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to distinguish between good and evil. Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith in God,” (Hebrews 5:11-6:1).

The goal of a instructor is seen here in *Hebrews 5-6*, _____ of God _____, _____ at work, at home, with friends, at the gas pump and grocery store – _____.

¹ Coleman, Robert. *The Master Plan of Discipleship*. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Publishing 1998), 122.

Invite

Sometimes the easiest way to get someone in church is to start in the breakroom and living room.

**“How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
Who walks in His ways.**

**2When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands,
You will be happy and it will be well with you.**

**3Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
Within your house,
Your children like olive plants
Around your table.**

**4Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed
Who fears the LORD.**

**5The LORD bless you from Zion,
And may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.**

**6Indeed, may you see your children’s children.
Peace be upon Israel!” (Psalm 128, NASB).**

Your Roll

“Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 11:1, NASB). Much like Paul shared his journey so people could emulate his success and avoid his failures, you are there to do the same.

Set the Tone

Lay ground rules to a small group:

We are here to encourage one another

We are here to learn

We will respect one another's privacy, what is said as long as it does not hurt others remains here

We will each share to help others and help ourselves

We will not speak on controversial topics that the Bible does not directly address

We will endeavor to pray for one another

Our goal is a clear Biblical understanding

Engage and Challenge

“What stood out to you the most today?” I call these ‘home runs’ because there is no wrong or right answer, so everyone can participate. Other questions you can start with alongside the questions at the end of the chapters are:

- How can you apply this to your life?
- What is the writer of _____ passage trying to say?
- What stood out to you the most in this weeks reading?
