

COMMUNITY GROUP OUTLINE
1/13/2019
“CONNECT”

WELCOME

1. For what in your life do you feel most grateful?
2. If you could spend an afternoon with anyone in the world, who would that person be (besides God)?

WORSHIP

Welcome God’s presence. Enjoy one minute of silence. Close in prayer.

WORK

Below please find a complementary teaching on Community Group life.

1. Discuss this as a group as it relates to how comfortable you are with our Small Group Church model.

WHAT IS A SMALL GROUP CHURCH?

SMALL GROUP CHURCH	PROGRAM BASED DESIGN
People Centered	Program Centered
Community Focused <i>The ministry of the church is decentralized and occurs in homes, schools & workplaces.</i>	Facility Focused <i>Most of the programs of the church are located at the church building.</i>
“Go” Structure <i>The church is organized to go out to meet the not-yet believers where they live.</i>	“Come” Structure <i>Reaching not-yet believers is mainly dependent upon bringing people to the church building for an event.</i>
Patterned after the New Testament church <i>Its leadership style is the servant leader and every member is a minister.</i>	Patterned after Western culture <i>Can become bureaucratic in the sense that it has professional leadership, management and programs.</i>
Evangelism motto: <i>“Go and make disciples”</i>	Evangelism motto: <i>“Come grow with us”</i>
Relationships <i>Close, emphasizing encouragement, support</i>	Relationships

<i>and accountability</i>	<i>Intimacy is rare, little transparency</i>
Source for Securing Pastors <i>Cycle of discipleship where leaders are raised up within the church, observed and tested</i>	Source for Securing Pastors <i>Seek out trained, professional clergy via resumes and search committees</i>
Support system <i>The basic Christian community: CG members/attenders</i>	Support system <i>Pastor or staff</i>
Spiritual Gifts <i>Used by all believers to build up the church</i>	Spiritual Gifts <i>Can be ignored, downplayed, or limited to professional ministers</i>

2. Read the following definition of community. Discuss how well is your Community Group aligning with this definition?

A COMMUNITY group is a set of **RELATIONSHIPS** established within the body of CCC in which to edify, develop, and multiply ministry through the members. Further, a CG meets **weekly**, is **discussion** oriented (rather than exclusively teaching oriented), and results in **evangelism** of the not-yet believer in one's spheres of influence. A CG meets the individual **needs** of the members, releases their **spiritual gifts**, and provides a forum for GROWTH.

WORK

CONNECT with those looking for a CG. New people bring new life!