**Cell Leaders Training**

**Cell Growth**

**Saturday 10th December 2016**

**10:30am – 4:30pm**

**The Albany (Red Room)**

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**Welcome to the Cell Leaders Training**

We welcome you as a delegate to the Cell Leaders Training – Cell Growth. The information contained in this pack will provide you with everything you need for a successful event. In preparation for this summit, we have put together some information we hope will provide useful to you. In this pack you will find the schedule of today’s event, training notes etc.

On behalf of Christian Life Fellowship (CLF) Greenwich, thank you for coming and we pray you receive every blessing God has for you at this event!

Every blessing,

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# Agenda

**11.00-12noon 1st Session Why cell growth? / Hindrances to cell growth**

12noon-12.15pm Break

**12.15-1.00pm 2nd Session How to grow your cell group**

1.00-2.00pm Lunch

**2.00-3.00pm 3rd Session 1st Testimony/ Prayer and cell growth**

3.00-3.15pm Break

**3.15-4pm 4th Session 2nd Testimony/ Cell multiplication and evangelism**

**4.00-4.30pm Prayer Ministry**

4.30pm Close

# Why cell growth?

Matthew 28:18-20 *18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

**The need for cells to grow**

1. The Great Commission requires it
2. Cell growth is the will of God
3. Salvation of the lost makes it a must
4. God’s house needs to be full
5. Development of established believers
6. Fruitfulness as believers
7. Blessing to the immediate community
8. Our love for Christ
9. Our love for people
10. The need for us to be witnesses of Christ

**Hindrances to cell growth**

**Group discussion**

1. What are the factors that will hinder a cell from growing?
2. What are the factors that undermine the growth of a cell?

That which undermines growth

1. Lack of integration of cell members to the life of the church
2. Complaining and disgruntled cell leaders
3. Over commitment to other things by leaders of cell
4. Not being punctual respecting the time of others
5. Failure to consistently reiterate purpose to the group
6. Lack of periodic training of cell leaders
7. Failure of consistent pastoral oversight of cell leaders
8. Failure to mobilise the gifts of cell group members
9. Dishonouring of senior leadership
10. A leader living an un-consecrated life

# How to grow your Cell group

Isaiah 6:8 *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”*

**Group discussion**

Discuss what you think are the key factors relevant to you to grow your cell group. What do you do (if anything) and is it working? What should you do to see your cell grow?

1. A vision for growth borne of God

Acts 26:19 *...I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision*

1. Make your Cell a primary focus

Luke 9:51 *Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem,*

1. A healthy devotional life

Ephesians 6:18 *praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—*

1. A commitment to discipleship

2 Timothy 2:2 *And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

1. Recruit new attendees and members to the Cell

Luke 14:23 *Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.*

1. A dynamic Cell meeting

Luke 4:32 *And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority*

1. An effective follow-up system of members and visitors

Ezekiel 34:12, 16 *12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. 16 “I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment.”*

1. Extracurricular Cell activities

Acts 2:44, 46-47 *44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

1. Mobilise cell members to serve within the cell

Ephesians 4:16 *from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

1. Empower the members to share their faith and bring others to the cell

Mark 16:20 *And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.*

1. A commitment to Cell multiplication

2 Timothy 2:2 *And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

1. Cultivate a spirit of unity among cell members

Psalm 133:1-3 *1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.*

1. Ensure that members are plugged into the life of the local church and attend services regularly

Hebrews 10:25 *not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

# Prayer and cell growth

Luke 18:1 *Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,*

**Why we need to pray**

1. We need to pray because the Lord commands us to
2. We need to pray because of our need for daily provision
3. We need to pray because prayerlessness is a sin
4. We need to pray in order to see God’s kingdom advance
5. Prayer is a primary agency through which God’s kingdom advances
6. Prayer invites God into our realm to execute His will
7. Souls are won or lost on the basis of prayer!

**The devotional life and cell growth**

Those who spent 90minutes or more in prayer multiplied their groups twice as much as those who spent less than half an hour.

Daily devotional time is the single most important discipline in the life of a believer.

**The importance of the devotional life**

If the Lord Jesus needed to spend time with the Father in prayer, how much more us? He is our example:

Mark 1:35 *Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.*

Luke 5:15-16 *15 However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. 16 So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.*

**Prayer time must be specific and intentional**

Matthew 6:5-6 *5 “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.*

**Prayer involves intercession for the cell**

Colossians 2:5 *For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.*

Colossians 4:12 *Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.*

**Fasting and prayer**

Matthew 17:19-21 *19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” 20 So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. 21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”*

**Prayer within the cell group**

Matthew 18:19-20 *19 “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”*

**There must be flexibility**

* Form groups of two and three
* Train the group to pray short conversational prayers that provide greater interaction and agreement
* Ask individual cell members to pray when the group is praying together
* Encourage spontaneity in prayer
* Encourage concert praying also

# Cell multiplication and evangelism

Matthew 28:18-20 *18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

**Group discussion**

What are some of the practical ways cell groups can grow through their evangelistic efforts?

**The importance of evangelism**

Evangelism is not simply a key to the growth of a cell, it is actually part of the main purpose of the cell.

**Factors that don’t affect growth and multiplication**

1. The leader’s gender, social class age, marital status or vocation
2. The leader’s personality type
3. The leader’s gifting

**Factors that do affect growth and multiplication**

1. The Cell leader’s devotional time
2. The Cell Leader’s intercession for the cell members
3. The leader spending time with God to prepare for a cell meeting
4. Setting Goals
5. Knowing your cell multiplication date
6. Training
7. How often the Cell Leader contacts new people
8. Exhortation in cell groups to invite friends
9. Number of visitors to the Cell
10. Those cells that have six or more social meetings per month multiply twice as much as those who have only one or none
11. Raising up assistant leaders
12. Level of pastoral care

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