



# FAITH AND GLORY TABERNACLE



## CELL GROUP MANUAL

**Foundational Text: Exodus 18:13-26**

### LEADERSHIP IN THE CELL

- To be a cell leader you don't need to be a great Bible teacher or even a strong communicator. {In a cell is where we *EDIFY EACH OTHER*}
- Instead a cell leader must:
  - i) **HEART FOR GOD**
    - Obedience to God: Live your life by conviction and not by circumstances.
    - Dependence on God: Walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7) ; "Without faith it is impossible to please God" Heb 11:6
    - Confidence in God in spite of circumstances and consequences
  - ii) **HAVE A HEART FOR PEOPLE**
    - Must love the people and have a desire to minister to their needs
    - Serves on the pastoral level by caring for the people of God {this pastoral ministry is directed by the Holy Spirit and is built upon scriptural teachings already received in Sunday celebrations}.
    - Check your attitude towards people.
    - Do not be annoyed by other people's failures or inability to do certain things.
    - Serve people and serve with them.
    - Help them develop and let them impact your development.
    - Encourage them instead of criticizing them.
  - iii) **DEMONSTRATE DISCIPLINE AND GROWTH**
    - Discipline in the use of finances & Christian basics.
    - Growth in the basics : Personal time with God.
      - : Bible study
      - : Prayer life
      - : Character
  - iv) **LEAD BY SERVING**
    - People are drawn first to our servant hood, rather than to our leadership.
    - To serve is an outward indication of our love for people.
    - Model of Christ (Mark 10:45)
  - v) **F.A.S.T**
    - **Faithfulness:** in little things (Matthew 25:21)
    - **Availability:** God is more concerned about our availability than our ability.
    - **Submissiveness:** Hebrews 13:12
    - **Teachable:** Proverb 9:8-9

#### vi) GOD'S HIGH STANDARD FOR LEADERS

- Holiness: Sensitivity to sin and a heart of repentance
- Integrity: To be trustworthy in small things
- Gratitude: Should stop murmuring and complaining.
- Humility: Should be a servant than a master.

#### vii) FOCUS AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CELL LEADER

- To be a communication link between the church and the cell he/she leads
- To provide pastoral care to members in your cell.
- To be faithful and diligent in serving.
- See to it that partners are part of the ministry/church
- Promote unity, peace and love.
- To be a link between new & old partners.
- To prepare & lead weekly cell meetings
- Submit the weekly cell report on a monthly basis to the district shepherd

#### WHAT IS A CELL GROUP?

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- It is a basic Christian Community (That's where the church started)
- Cells are the basic *building blocks* of FGT.
- The cell is where people are nurtured and equipped to serve.
- It is where members build up {edify} one another.
- It is where people are called to be accountable to one another.

#### WHY CELL GROUP IMPORTANT, APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE?

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- It is said that the greatest tragedy with titanic was not so much the sinking of the boat, but the lack of small lifeboats. Thus, cell is a small lifesaving boat of FGT.
- There's a *warm* fellowship and a *deep* transparent relationship
- It is *flexible* and *mobile* {it is easy to manage}
- It produces, develop and equip leaders
- It is *accessible* {is easy to be part of it}
- It *access* easily {it evangelizes effectively}

#### THE CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EFFECTIVE AND HEALTHY CELL

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- Love and acceptance
- Safety and trust
- Supportive climate and effective interaction of partners
- Empathy and comfort
- Hope and encouragement
- Effective leadership and accountability
- Members share one goal {there's unity} and work towards it, rather than individual's goal
- Pray together for individual needs
- Strive to be not judgmental of others statements

- Resolve the challenges of the cell effectively
- Listens to one another (respect)

## **FOUR PURPOSES OF THE CELL**

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### **1. ENCOUNTER WITH GOD**

- The cell is a place where a passion for God is ignited and lived by partners
- Partners are challenged to develop the intimate relationship with Christ so that they can have His identity
- It provides the individuals with an environment of special encounter with God

### **2. EDIFICATION**

- The cell is a place where partners value one another by demonstrating the believers love
- Partners have a safe environment of edifying one-another through their spiritual gifts and support systems.
- The cell has a non-threatening environment for spiritual and personal growth as members minister to one-another
- It is a place to build strong bonds of Christian fellowship and is also a place for accountability in the growth of someone.
- In a cell one finds a listening ear, prayer, support and guidance
- Everyone should come with this attitude of "Lord give me something to bless others so that the Christ can be formed in us" {Each one in a cell should learn to become an edifier by using spiritual gifts. 1Corinthians14:26}
- A leader *MUST* facilitate, not teach:
  - Teaching is where a leader do all the talking
  - Facilitating is where a leader get all the people talking
- Discussion and sharing:
  - In facilitating the discussion and the sharing, lead the people into the applications that are:
    - Personal
    - Specific and
    - Practical
- Discussion and sharing should lead to a time of ministry through prayer
- The focus will be in the application of the word preached in the previous Sunday's service.

### **3. REACH OUT**

- The cell is the vehicle for evangelism and incorporation of new Christian to the body.
- It provides fellowship, follow-up and nurture of new Christians.
- It's a place where the unsaved person is given the opportunity to see God's work in the lives of believers.
- The cell is on the mission of being constantly in touch and ministering to the unreached

### **4. EXPANSION OF LEADERSHIP BASE**

- The cell is the base for mobilizing, selecting, and training and of leaders
- Within the cells, leaders are launched into ministries.

## DIFFERENT TYPES OF QUESTIONS in during the cell meeting

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### Discovery Questions

- These are questions which help the group to recap the basic outline of the message. E.g.
  - What was the key idea of last week's message?
  - What are the main points surfaced in the sermon?
- These questions will enable even a new comer to participate.

### Understanding Questions

- They help the group to come in a greater understanding of the points mentioned in a sermon. E.g.
  - What were some of the examples mentioned to illustrate the points?
  - Were there any new insights into this passage/topic/point raised
- Please stay within the interpretation of the sermon.

### Application Questions

- The main focus of discussion should be on them. E.g.
  - Of the points in the sermon, which one touched your life the most?
  - Share a struggle in your life which God surfaced because of the sermon
  - What is one area in your life God is telling you to work on?
  - Share a new insight which you have learned and would like to see in your life?
- During an edification time, you must guard against preaching a mini-sermon

### LIFE IN A CELL

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- The leader should assign responsibilities to core partners
- All partners should evaluate the cell
- A cell should have a covenant
- Discuss projects and challenges together
- Leaders should try to talk less
- The leader should evaluate partners for potential cell leaders
- Partners should feel that the leader cares for and respect them.
- The goal is to develop ownership (This purpose of the cell takes centre stage)

### BEYOND THE WALLS/OUTREACH IN THE CELL

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- Reaching out is the mandate of the Church of Christ
- Planning and executing an outreach is the maturity indicator of the cell
- Partners begin to look beyond themselves to the world
- This is a time where partners want to share their experiences in Christ to the unbeliever, and underprivileged
- This becomes the time for partners to win souls