

DISCIPLEMAKING GROUPS

Three priorities for the Christian life:

- 1. Connecting UP. (John 15.5) Building and growing our relationship with God through prayer, Bible reading, obedience.**
- 2. Connecting IN. (Ecclesiastes 4.9-10, John 13.34-35) “Fellowship”—with other Christians, mutual encouragement, accountability, living out a life of love with one another**
- 3. Connecting OUT. (Matthew 4.19) Purposefully praying for and connecting with pre-Christians, building relationships with them and being ready to share the message of Christ when the opportunity arises.**

A MODEL FOR GROUPS THAT HELP THIS HAPPEN: We need to build these discipling groups as the core of our women’s ministry. The “tasks” within such groups include....

- 1. Checking IN (encouragement and ACCOUNTABILITY questions.) You can use the questions on the back of the worksheet for models—these are designed to focus on the three “connecting” priorities above**
- 2. CARING (sharing, prayer and MEETING needs) This is where the group builds relationships between its Christian members. Praying, coming alongside, doing the “one anothers” of Scripture.**
- 3. DISCOVERY (discussing the BIBLE, asking the SO WHAT and NOW WHAT questions together) Consider using topics from the “Christian Life Profile” list; focus on response to the Word, not just “knowing” the Word)**

4. **SERVING** (choosing to work together in service to our **COMMUNITY**) The group should choose a service opportunity, either inside or outside the church, and share together in doing this work—extending the reach of the group while touching the lives of others
5. **SKILLS** (training for relationship **EVANGELISM** and connecting with **PRE-Christians**) This includes helping group members recognize the pre-Christian connections they already have in their lives, as well as developing strategies for sharing the Gospel when God opens up opportunities)
6. **MULTIPLICATION** (the goal is for each woman to begin their own group using this one as a **MODEL**) We need to intentionally identify and challenge the leaders in our groups to start their own group modeled after these principles.

THE IDEAL IS TO HAVE THIS GROUP MEET EVERY OTHER WEEK, then encourage members to begin their own groups in the OFF WEEKS!!