Discipleship Groups

Meeting Format

A Discipleship Group is a gender-specific closed group of 3 to 5 believers (including the leader) who meet most weeks as part of a yearly commitment for the purpose of making disciples through accelerated spiritual transformation.

D-Group meetings follow the *Three-Thirds Method*:

- <u>Looking Back</u> (20 mins) for *accountability* to review how you did with your commitments.
- Looking Up (20 mins) for **absorption** to receive direction from the Lord.
- <u>Looking Forward</u> (20 mins) for *application* to plan and practice how you will obey the Lord in the coming week.

The following is an easy order to follow to keep you on task each week:

1. Prayer

a. Thank God for the time you now get to share together. Ask for God's wisdom and encouragement by way of the people and passages you discuss.

2. LOOK BACK: Accountability

a. Personal Connection

- i. Briefly share highs and lows of the week
- ii. Share any praises or disappointments

b. Personal Questions

- Ask specific questions related to action steps shared in last meeting.
- ii. All accountability should be saturated with grace, not legalism.
- iii. You can't expect what you don't inspect.

c. Scripture Memorization

- i. Everyone quotes the Scripture
- ii. Different person to start each week

3. LOOK UP: Absorption

- **a. Share H.E.A.R. Journals**. Have everyone share 1-2 of their H.E.A.R. journal entries from the week.
 - i. **H**ighlight

- ii. Explain
- iii. **A**pply
- iv. **R**espond

4. LOOK FORWARD: Application

- a. Identify 1-2 specific action steps the Holy Spirit is prompting you to do in the week ahead.
 - i. These should be in response to your reading or a current life situation.

b. Prayer requests and closing prayer

- i. Pray specifically for the action steps mentioned.
- ii. Pray for other requests.