

Cell Outlines

Week beginning: 27th November 2005

Theme: NMC Vision & Values - Revisited!

Welcome: What do you like/ dislike about the lead up to Christmas? Have you been into the city recently? What do you say to those who like to be 'Christmasie' and what exactly does that mean!? What about the real value of this advent-time? (Discuss briefly!)

Worship Suggestion: Perhaps you could focus your worship on God being our loving heavenly Father? [If you have musicians you can sing or listen/ sing along with a worship CD or do something even more creative!]

Word/ Teaching - This week we re-cap for the benefit of those new to NMC and cells on our vision and values.

NMC Vision = *As part of the People of God we seek to establish and extend His Kingdom by...*

- *Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ*
- *Preparing God's People for service*
- *Building the Body of Christ*
- *Seeking Christian maturity*

How effective as a church, cell and individual are we/ you being? What needs to change, if anything for this to happen?

Read the following and look up the verses associated with each one.

NMC Cell values.

- Jesus at the centre - We put a priority on knowing Jesus and growing in His way of living. (Matt.6:33; 7:24; 28:19-20)
- Every member maturing - we seek healing from past hurts and our growth in Christ. (Mark 1:8, 17-18)
- Everyone in ministry - Ministry is not what one person 'up front' does. We seek to support and enable all in our community to discover their gifts and learn how to use them. (Luke 10:2-3, 16-20)
- Everyone involved in witness - As Christians we believe our faith is worth sharing. (John 4:39-42; 15:26-27a)
- Communities of trust and honesty marked by sacrificial love - the church is not about a building or an organisation but a group of people seeking the Way of Jesus. (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35)

Questions/ Discussions Starters

Think back over the last year in relation to the above cell values.

- Has your cell grown both in terms of numbers and depth? If so, how? If not, why not?
- What have you done together to try and reach those who, as yet, are not disciples of Jesus?
- Is your cell preparing to multiply or have you become a 'holy huddle'?!?
- Are you nurturing each others gifts and being open to the leading of the Holy Spirit or just meeting for the sake of it and 'religiously' going through the 4 W's for the sake of it!
- What support, if any, would you like from the LMT to enable you to move on into maturity as a cell?

(Yes, these questions are meant to be slightly provocative!)

Witness (See questions above!)

Look at the following healthy cell check-up questions regarding mutual pastoral care. How many are you actively engaged? What areas of weakness can be worked on to enable there to be a deeper sense of your commitment to one another? √ **Seek to develop a quality relationship with each member** √ **Know about each other's family, work, hobbies & dreams!** √ **What's happening in each other's their lives?** √ **Notes and phone calls** √ **Pray for cell members daily** √ **Visit in times of need** √ **Practical help** √ **Fun together** (After you've looked at the following spend some time praying for each other.)

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