

THE DISCIPLESHIP MANDATE

GROWING IN SMALL GROUPS

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INTRODUCTION

THE SHARED COMMUNAL LIFE

• COLOSINIANS 2:6-7;1:28;MATTHEW 7:24-27;EPHESIANS 24:27;ACTS 2:42-47

1. Young people should be taught to know that the Christian life was never meant to be a solo life. It is a place growth, learning and sharing
2. Young people should be encouraged to begin and end the year with personal retreats
3. Group experiences must not replace personal fellowship with the HOLY SPIRIT.

GROUPS IN THE COMMUNITY

- BIBLE READING CLUBS
- BIBLE STUDY GROUPS
- PRAYER TRIPLRTS
- ACCOUNTABILITY FRIENDSHIPS

Youth leaders are to supervise the formation of these small groups, Provide materials that would help in the systematic reading and studying of the scriptures , Raise leaders at the group level and provide consistent supervision of their activities

ACTIVITIES IN THE GROUPS

The following activities would be carried out in small group meetings and on social media:

1. READING THE SCRIPTURES

2. STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES

3. MEMORIZING SCRIPTURES

4. SHARING THE GOSPEL VIA OPERATION ANDREW

5. SUMMARIZING PORTIONS OF THE SCRIPTURE

6. RAISING AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

7. SHARING EXPERIENCES AND PRODUCTS OF INTIMACY

1. READING AND STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES TOGETHER

- Using resources from the directorate, leaders are encouraged to provide direction for effective reading and studying of the scriptures
- The year must begin with a plan
- Leaders must also supervise meeting times, duration and venues

2. SHARING THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE OPERATION ANDREW STRATEGY

- Operation Andrew is an evangelistic strategy where Christians prayerfully select and pray over a list of unbelievers, usually starting with family members, and as led by the Spirit, share the love of GOD with them.
- Group members are to be encouraged to periodically provide names of unsaved people.
- Group members are to pray over the list and evangelize to them as led

3. PRAYER TRIPLETS

- Prayer partners, praying together in groups of three on various issues

4. SHARING THE PRODUCTS OF INTIMACY

WHAT TO SHARE (Young people should be taught to know what to share and what to keep as personal)

- Experiences from fellowshiping with the HOLY SPIRIT
- Revelations from personal bible studies
- Experiences from living out the word
- Songs
- Inspirational dreams
- Visions
- Testimonies
- ETC

4. ACCOUNTABILITY FRIENDSHIPS

- **A. ACCOUNTABILITY FRIENDSHIPS** are friendships among believers where members agree to be accountable to each other
- **B. Young people** should be encouraged to share their lives with each other, committing to pray with and for each other, learn from each other, share challenges freely in an atmosphere of **TRUST** and receive support in all areas of life

THE END

THANK YOU