

core values (one-on-one format)

FACILITATOR: Welcome to the Fusion one-on-one module for your cells. This format is designed to be used for individuals who may join your cell after you have already gone through the Fusion starter packs (Jesus and Core Values). Because it is important to keep the cell values central to cell life, we recommend that new individuals who join your group later in the semester go through these modified starter packs with a cell member, who we will call a “support member,” in a one-on-one setting outside the cell time.

SUPPORT MEMBER: As defined by the word “support”, your role is to provide assistance and give active help and encouragement to the new member. As you work through this material with the new member, keep in mind the following things:

- 1) Where this person is in his walk with the Lord (new in the Lord vs. grew up in the church vs. mature believer, etc.). Make adjustments in the material accordingly.
- 2) Time constraints you may have when meeting together. Do not feel bound to cover every scripture passage or question. The goal is to simply introduce the new member to the core cell values.
- 3) Though the goal is for everyone to contribute and be involved, remain sensitive to the diverse Christian backgrounds contained within the cell (especially in the area of prayer) and make adjustments in the lesson as necessary.

introduction

SUPPORT MEMBER: Welcome to the first cell outline on evangelism. This is designed to give a broad introduction to the subject as one of the core values of cell life, along with the other material that you have on worship, relationships and the marketplace. Later on you will be able to look a lot more in-depth at evangelism as we will be providing two “four packs” for you to go through.

For now, however, what you have here is an overview, to get evangelism on the agenda of the group, right at its heart. Evangelism is the primary reason for the existence of your cell and so it is important to spend some time looking at what it means and what we can do. The final aim for this material is that, by the end of the cell meeting, as a group you will have some very specific and concrete ideas for what you are going to do. Make this meeting a time of motivation, helping people to see that evangelism is possible and that we are going to do it!

1: core values – evangelism (cells that multiply)

welcome

SUPPORT MEMBER: Spend time getting to know the new cell member. Follow by asking him to complete this sentence: When it comes to stepping out into the unknown, I tend to be _____.

worship

SUPPORT MEMBER: Have a sheet of paper ready. Spend time together answering the questions, ‘Who is Jesus?’ and ‘What does Jesus do today?’. Write the answers on the paper and try to include Bible verses. Spend the remaining time praying and worshipping Jesus for the things that you have written down.

word

SUPPORT MEMBER: Ask the new cell member to give a one-sentence definition of evangelism.

Read through the following two passages together and discuss one or two of the questions posed following each one.

Read Matthew 28:16-20.

SUPPORT MEMBER: *This command was given first to the disciples, but then also to all of us so that evangelism is not just for an exclusive elite group called 'evangelists', but is for all of us.*

- What is the link between Jesus' authority and his command to us? What are the implications for us?
- What are disciples? What does it mean to 'make disciples'?
- What is the difference between making converts and making disciples and how can we incorporate what we are saying into our group?

Read Matthew 5:13-16.

Discuss the picture imagery of 'salt' and, separately, of 'light'.

- What does each of these mean?
- What does it mean for 'salt to lose its saltiness' and for a light to be 'put under a bowl'?
- What does this mean for us today?
- How, literally, in our college setting do we 'lose our saltiness' and 'hide our light under a bowl'?

SUPPORT MEMBER: *The sentiments of this passage can, perhaps, best be summed up by St. Francis of Assisi's words: "at all times preach the gospel; if necessary use words".*

SUPPORT MEMBER: *Spend the next few minutes looking practically at how you can put into practice what you have discussed this meeting: Identify the different networks that you each have (ex. people you sit next to in class, people you work with, next door neighbor in the dorms, etc.).*

In what ways can you be 'salt and light' in your college, both as a group and individually? Be careful you do not just discuss this and then do nothing about it - what have you decided to do?!

Review with the new cell member the goals you have established as a cell. Share 3 specific targets the cell has set for the next month/term/year as to how you want to see the cell grow and your friends become Christians.

witness

SUPPORT MEMBER: *Discuss with the new cell member that statistics tell us that around 70% of Christians became so through a friend. What is the significance of this? It is clear therefore that 'friendship evangelism' is key. Ask what different networks of friends are open to those in the cell. Discuss that as a cell, friendship events are one way we can each reach out to our non-Christian friends.*

Explain the triad prayer model that you use as a group. If the new cell member is willing, partner together and do a modified version.

Triad Prayer (modified)

- Each of you identify 3 non-Christians that you will commit to pray for.
- Commit to each other that you will pray one minute per day for all the names you have listed. (6 names = 6 minutes per day you will each be praying.)
- Also commit to join together one time per week for about 10 minutes to pray for the six people. (For this particular cell packet, this will be done as part of your weekly meeting time.)
- After 30 days, invite one or all of those you've been praying for to a friendship event.

what now?

Continue to pray each day for the next week for those on your triad prayer list. Provided you have each listed 3 names, you are committing to pray a total of 6 minutes per day (1 minute each person).

2: core values–relationships (cells are communities)

introduction

SUPPORT MEMBER: Relationships are of primary importance to God. We see this by the way God himself works in intimate, interdependent relationships within the Trinity. We are created in the image of God and are designed to operate in a similar level of relationship to each other. Christianity is much more than a personal, individual response to God. The fullest and most biblical expression of our faith is experienced through being part of a community of believers.

Jesus gave us this model to follow of sharing lives, serving each other, building each other up, discipling each other and loving each other. In Acts 2:42-47, we see that the disciples knew what to do when Jesus was no longer with them. They imitated how Jesus had lived with them – a shared lifestyle of loving God and loving each other. It is often the quality of our relationships that says most about who God is and what he is like. The distinctions in relationships between Christians are one of the most vivid demonstrations of Jesus in the student environment.

welcome

SUPPORT MEMBER: Briefly review the targets and goals you talked about last week including dates for any upcoming friendship events. Consider having these goals and targets typed ahead of time and ready to give to the new cell member. It is important to integrate the new cell member into the flow of the cell group so each feels welcome and part of the community.

worship/witness

Spend some time praying together for those individuals you listed last week as part of your modified triad prayer. As you pray, take time to praise and worship God for each person and for the work the Lord wants to do in each life.

(**SUPPORT MEMBER:** If you are not doing the modified triad prayer model with the new cell member, simply identify one friend each that you would like to pray for and do so.)

word

Together, look through Romans 12. Write down at least 3 commands you can find that involve others then discuss the following:

What do we learn from this about the values that we need in order to build relationships both in our cells today and in our lives in the future?

Our Christian life should not be based on meetings but on relationships. Read through the following ways cell structure can aid the building of relationships and the development of community.

- Chance to spend time with a small group of people and really get to know them
- Share lives, easier to be open, honest and vulnerable
- Provides support and care through hard times
- Look at each other, not the back of someone's head
- Pray for each other
- Develop in gifting and confidence - safe environment to step out and do things for the first time (ex. Ice-breaker, worship, pray and prophecy)
- Encouraging each other
- Hearing each others' contributions and perspectives
- Accountable in following Jesus 7 days a week

SUPPORT MEMBER: Share with each other your strengths and weaknesses in building good relationships. Encourage openness and honesty. This could be a very important time of building friendship with the new cell member through being honest and transparent.

Lead from this into praying for one another. Pray for each person based on what you've shared. Be bold as you pray for one another, asking the Holy Spirit to be working in each other's lives. Feel free as to how you pray, whether that is using prophetic words or reading out a scripture, or laying on of hands. Be sensitive to the fact that the new cell member may or may not be used to praying out loud for another person. Modify as needed.

what now?

SUPPORT MEMBER: *Encourage the new cell member to take time this week to talk to your group facilitator about an area he can commit to being involved in based on the goals and targets you have established as a cell. (ex. Helping to plan the upcoming friendship event, assisting in any preliminary set up for the cell meetings, etc.)*

Continue to pray each day for the next week for those on your triad prayer list.

3: core values – worship (*Jesus at the center*)

introduction

SUPPORT MEMBER: *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it; love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22: 37-40*

The focus of the Fusion Cells is on these verses: our relationship with God, with each other and with our community. The aim of this session is to discover the importance of loving God with all our heart, soul and mind together as a group.

welcome

Name a part of creation that especially inspires you in your walk with the Lord. (ex. the awesomeness of the ocean, a quiet walk in the woods, looking at the stars on a clear night, etc.)

witness

Spend some time praying together for those individuals you listed last week as part of your modified triad prayer.

(SUPPORT MEMBER: *If you are not doing the modified triad prayer model with the new cell member, simply identify one friend each that you would like to pray for and do so.)*

worship and word

SUPPORT MEMBER: *Romans 12:1 says we are to present our bodies a living and holy sacrifice acceptable to God, which is our spiritual service of worship.*

-Discuss a life of worship and what this means for us as Christians in the student world?

SUPPORT MEMBER: *If true worship is about our whole lives honoring God, why do we have “worship times”? What is special about coming together deliberately to worship God with music, prayer, etc.? Read the following passage together to find out more insight into these questions.*

Read Hebrews 10:19-25.

SUPPORT MEMBER: *This passage is concerned with ongoing worship and fellowship but also with the event of being together for the purpose of worshipping God. It uses imagery of the Old Testament high priest entering the presence of God and indicates that the event of us coming together to worship is special in itself. It is a time of particular intimacy, cleansing and blessing.*

Discuss ways that, as a cell group, you can worship together, in order that you experience the presence of God and actively give him love. (singing, giving, serving, testimonies, liturgical prayers, caring, reflecting, prophesying, creating, exercising spiritual gifts etc.)

SUPPORT MEMBER: *Psalm 133 suggests that our unity and worship together will result in the presence of God with us which leads to his blessing of life forevermore. This blessing of fruitfulness is proclaimed all through the Bible as being for all peoples and all nations. People will be drawn to this blessing through our worship.*

Worshipping together, then, is an important part of evangelism. Read Psalm 133 aloud together and in the context of your worship, pray with the new cell member for the presence of God to be in your lives in such a way that those around you inherit God’s blessing.

what now?

Continue to pray daily for the 6 people on your triad prayer list. Include meaningful vocal praise to God for what He wants to do in these lives.

4:core values–marketplace (every member to maturity)

introduction

SUPPORT MEMBER: *One of the core values of the Fusion Cells is that they are a place of equipping for us to live out our relationship with God in the heart of our world. It is vital that we take the gospel into the marketplace and not keep it within the confines of Christian meetings.*

Aim - To open our eyes to the possibility of living a full and holy life in the careers, cultures, and places where God has called us to live and work.

Objectives

- To see where Jesus and Paul spent their time and discuss the equivalent places in our society.
- To see God's love for the world and his desire that we love it too and are fully involved in it.
- To hear God's voice for our futures, and to put incarnation and love into practice now.

welcome

Together discuss if money and time were not an issue, what is one thing you would each do in service to God?

worship

SUPPORT MEMBER: *Choose a Psalm ahead of time for you and the new cell member to read out loud together. Pray and worship the Lord together based on what has been read.*

witness

Spend time praying together for those individuals you listed as part of your modified triad prayer. Be specific and intentional as you pray.

word

SUPPORT MEMBER: *Read and discuss the following passages together.*

Review Matthew 5: 13-16 from week 1 of this packet.

-Where will most people see our light and where will it have most effect?

SUPPORT MEMBER: *Jesus and Paul spent their time in the Synagogue, temple, lecture hall, marketplace, the beach, mountainside, at home, in jail, social gatherings, in the tax office, etc. These places were not simply religious places, but places where people gathered, worked, discussed, exchanged ideas and socialized.*

-What are the equivalents of the marketplace and synagogue today?

-Where are issues debated where we can be salt to the flavor of decisions, philosophies, theories and trends of our society?

SUPPORT MEMBER: *(ex. tv, film, music, fashion, advertising, internet, politics, business, education, etc.)*

-What is God's attitude towards our involvement with the world?

SUPPORT MEMBER: *The passionate love of Jesus and Paul took them not only to the disadvantaged and those without a voice; they also involved themselves in places of gathering, of influence, and strategy.*

Christians have often withdrawn from the world through fear and arrogance but a motivation of love drives out fear and should drive us right into the heart of our communities. Our attitude should be that we embrace the world with the same passion and energy that motivated Jesus.

Pray for each other for the love of God that will drive you into the marketplace.
Is God speaking now to either of you about your future work and your place in society?
Pray that each other's gifts, skills and abilities can be anointed by God while at college for use in the places of gathering and influence.

SUPPORT MEMBER: *The life of Daniel in the Old Testament is a good example of one who was salt and light in a godless society. His work meant that he was fully involved with his culture and God blessed him in this work as he sought always to obey Him. It is worth looking at his life to see how he coped and succeeded in his world. Suggest to the new cell member to take time in the near future to read about the life of Daniel for deeper study regarding this topic.*

what now?

Continue to pray daily for those on your triad prayer list.

At the end of this week, take time to invite the 3 non-believers you know and have been praying for in your triad prayer time to an upcoming friendship event within your cell. (If your cell doesn't have an upcoming friendship event planned, maybe plan an activity together that you could invite those you've been praying for to attend.)