

I. The Work of Cell

- ◆ **Purpose** – A focused time to tend to the ‘business’ of cell
- ◆ **Intercession** – Prayer and intercession for the lost, the city, neighbors, family (See the notes in the Worship section)
- ◆ **Planning** – Organizing outreaches, special events, fun activities
- ◆ **Business** – Administrative matter and cell announcements

II. Three “Ps” of Outreach Planning

- ◆ **Prayer**
 - Ask God for direction for your cell, and for open hearts
 - Ask God for divine appointments, fruitfulness, and success
 - Ask for the presence of the Lord and a sense that the Lord is with us
 - We are not going in our own strength
 - Success is what He does through our obedience, not just what we do
- ◆ **Planning**
 - Build ownership by involving your cell through prayer and discussion
 - Describe the outreach and outline details
 - Define tasks and ask for volunteers
 - Ask for a “point person” who will be in charge
 - Encourage each one to use their gifts
 - Identify potential problems (weather) and prepare contingency plans
 - Partner with other cells, your zone, Isaiah 58, etc.
- ◆ **Proceeding**
 - Just Do It! Minister in the Spirit’s power, and in the name of Jesus
 - Be bold and aggressive where appropriate
 - Be first to extend grace, comfort, and service
 - Be ready to share you faith in Jesus
 - Go in teams of at least two for mutual support
 - Debrief and reflect when finished, looking for improvements
 - Give glory to Jesus and don’t take yourself too seriously. Have fun
- ◆ **Outreach Possibilities**
 - Neighborhood Outreach: prayer walks, kindness projects, etc. . .
 - Joining Isa 58 Outreaches: quarterly outreaches, weekly bus ministry
 - Campus Outreach: hosting students, First Friends
 - Mayflower Outreach: moving cell members
 - Welcome Wagon Outreach: greeting new neighbors, new births
- ◆ **Levels of Outreach**
 - Personal evangelism within your sphere of influence
 - Cell outreach for the whole cell (Isa 58, Crusades)
 - Target Teams for a small group of cell members
 - Working with or alongside another church/ministry in your area
 - Zone/Area/District outreach

III. First Steps to Outreach

- ◆ **Pray for the Lost – Operation Andrew Strategy**
 - Pray for 12 friends in your sphere of influence
 - Pray for the 3 who are closest to coming to the Lord
 - Target 1 to pray for corporately in cell
- ◆ **Pray for Your Neighborhoods – Lighthouse Strategy**
 - 5 houses to the left and right, 11 houses across the street
 - Pray for your apartment complex
 - Pray for those you work or go to school with
 - Pray BLESS
 - B=Body
 - L=Labor
 - E=Emotional health
 - S=Spiritual health
 - S=Social contact with them
- ◆ **Overcoming Barriers to Outreach**
 - Barrier of Training -- Come to the Evangelism Workshop
 - Attitude Barrier -- Work through the Maturing in the Kingdom material
 - Fear Barrier -- Join a corporate outreach (Isa 58), or go with your cell
 - Value Barrier -- Ask your cell to pray for you to have a heart for the lost
 - Time Barrier -- Consider a tithe (10%) of your weekends (5 a year)
 - Round-To-It Barrier -- Make a decision and 'Just do it'
- ◆ **TIPS & TOOLS**
 - Ask for a volunteer to coordinate outreaches
 - Someone who is a natural evangelist
 - Someone good at planning and coordinating
 - Ask God to give your cell an identity or focus
 - Isa 58, Room at the Inn, Construction, College students, etc.
 - Pace yourself by planning a year at a time
 - Start with one outreach a quarter
 - Goal: To know Christ and to make Him known

IV. Tending to Other Cell Business

- ◆ **Remind** – Members of venue for next weeks meeting and any special assignments
- ◆ **Return** – The Weekly Cell Report form after completing
- ◆ **Rehearse** – Any important announcements concerning upcoming events or cell activities
- ◆ **Review** – Member progress on equipping (quarterly)

V. Life Application