

I. Worship in Cell

- ◆ **Purpose**
 - Minister to God in worship (who He is) & praise (what He has done)
 - Encounter God's presence--be ministered to by Him and one another
 - Refocus on kingdom priorities; receive ministry; hearts open to God
- ◆ **Seeking God's Presence--Hearing God's Voice**
 - Keep Jesus as the focus of worship/ ministry, not the group's needs
 - Acknowledge Jesus' presence in your midst (Matt 18:20)
 - Foster an attitude of giving/receiving--praise before petitioning God
 - Ask God to speak to the cell when you gather. What is on His heart?
 - Listen with your eyes; look for God's presence; listen with your heart
 - Share thoughts, Scriptures, impressions
 - Submit what you believe God is speaking to the cell using, "I sense the Lord might be saying . . ." Avoid, "Thus saith the Lord."
- ◆ **Practical Suggestions**
 - Use "theme" from worship to transition to ministry time
 - Ask if any have needs for which they want prayer
 - Encourage group participation and make room for all to join in
 - Guard against one or two individuals monopolizing the ministry time
 - Avoid laying on hands too hastily
 - Anoint the sick with oil and pray for healing
 - Keep an eye on your watch and an eye on the Lord
 - Needs should be cast upon the Lord
 - All needs will not be met in cell--be creative, use imagination
 - Cell Leaders cannot meet all needs--refer special needs to ZP

II. Communion in Cell

- ◆ **Purpose**
 - Revelation of Jesus and celebration of His death and resurrection
 - Lifting of guilt and oppression and breaking of demonic bondages
 - Point of contact for faith for healing, emotional and physical
 - Minister to each other, raise God's standard in the home, for unity
- ◆ **Procedure**
 - Reading of Scripture – Luke 24:27, I Corinthians 11:23
 - Self-examination – I Corinthians 11:28
 - Giving of thanks – Matthew 26:27, I Corinthians 11:24, Luke 24:30
 - Breaking of bread – I Corinthians 11:24
 - "Cup of blessing" – I Corinthians 11:25, 10:16
 - The triumph – I Corinthians 11:26, 2 Corinthians 2:14

III. Prayer and Intercession

- ◆ **Start with personal intercession**
 - Encourage members to pray for their family, the lost, the church
 - Pray through the “Mind-Molder” areas of society: home; church; government; media; arts/entertainment; education; business
 - Encourage prayer for cell members and meetings; prayer partners
- ◆ **Adopt the Lighthouse Prayer Strategy**
 - Pray for 5 homes to the left and right, and 11 homes across the street
 - Prayer, Care, Share -- as a family
 - Use the BLESS model:
 - Body -- physical needs, health, energy
 - Labor -- work, income, job satisfaction
 - Emotional -- Christ-centered inner-life, resulting in joy and peace
 - Social -- family relationships and friends
 - Spiritual -- salvation, faith, holiness
- ◆ **Target Neighborhoods for Cell Prayer Walks**
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to direct you how to pray
 - Share news and answered prayers with the Cell to encourage
- ◆ **Incorporate Prayer During the Cell Meeting**
 - Move into prayer after worship, or the Word portions of the meeting
 - Be directive in setting the focus for the prayer time (i.e., “Let’s take a few minutes now and intercede for our neighborhood.”)
 - Involve the older children when possible; ask them to pray with you
 - Keep a list of items you pray for on a regular basis
 - Keep prayer needs/updates of situations very brief and to the point
 - Encourage everyone to join in
 - Use prayer time to lead into ministry to others
 - Don’t forget Belmont leaders, missionaries, and the nations
- ◆ **Guidelines for Intercession**
 - Make sure your heart is clean before God and man (Ps 66:8; 139:2-3)
 - Allow time for the Holy Spirit to convict you of sin to confess
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your prayers (Prov 28:26; 2Cor 10:9)
 - Give God your heart burdens, ask God for the burdens on his heart
 - Pray through one subject before moving on (Jn 10:27)
 - Use Scripture for direction and confirmation (Ps 119:105)
 - Be slow to rebuke the devil; follow the Holy Spirit (Jude 6; 2 Pet 2:9)
 - Keep prayers short, concise, and from the heart (Phil 4:6-7)
 - Use “we” when you pray to build corporate unity, not “I”
 - Speak clearly so others can hear you and affirm with their “Amen”
 - Do not be afraid to “repeat” prayers as this reflects the Spirit’s leading

IV. Life Application