

# 5 ESSENTIALS OF A HEALTHY HOME GROUP

## Sample Plans

### EVANGELISM

- Building bridges:
  - 1-on-1 work
  - detailed sharing in cell
- Prayer support
- Events:
  - special HC series'
  - C & C
  - Parties & activities
- Taking classes & reading books on evangelism
- Maximize CT:
  - meet people
  - booth
- Develop more "go" teams and structures.

### DISCIPLESHIP

- Are leaders modeling discipleship?
- Teach discipleship in CG & HG
- Pray for new disciples
- Quarterly updates to HG ministry chart at appropriate meetings
- Yearly/semi-yearly use of bubble chart w/ action steps established
- Celebration of movement toward ST membership
- Planting emphasis
- Discippler seeks regular input from leaders & co-workers
- Taking classes, challenge group, reading discipleship books
- Discipleship topics list /link  
[www.xenos.org/classes/leadership/discipleship.html](http://www.xenos.org/classes/leadership/discipleship.html)

### Included in all plans

- Prayer
- Love
- Planting emphasis
- Communication & vision
- Grace
- Truth / Scripture

EVANGELISM

COMMUNITY

DISCIPLESHIP

GROWING LEADERS

A FAITHFUL GOD

### COMMUNITY

- Serving each other—learning & exercising gifting
  - Helping each other evangelize
  - Helping each other with classes
  - Helping each other with domestic and misc. needs
- Good Home Church & cell meetings
- ST tape on Enthusiasm 7/99
- Regular retreats & vacationing together
- Support of the same Central Teaching
- Workers' meetings—vision-casting
- High support - High admonition
- Prayer meetings & smaller prayer bands.

### GROWING LEADERS

- Annual personal growth goals
  - Book & bible reading goals
  - Class goals
  - Prayer
  - Ministry
- Peer involvement & initiation
- Honesty about character & sin issues
- Growing as a spouse, parent...?
- Are we bringing vitality to the group by growing in our walk w God?

1. **GROWING LEADERS** - Leaders must have enough going on within that they have something authentic to give away and so that the pressures of ministry don't cause them to wilt internally. The Christian life is a busy one that requires time with God. Ministry fruitfulness may come and go but closeness with God is something that no one can take away. He jealously desires the spirit he placed within you.

**2 Peter 1:5-8** → 5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence... faith ... moral excellence ... knowledge; ... self-control ... perseverance ... godliness; ... brotherly kindness ... love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Personal growth in character & integrity through ongoing sanctification
- A deepening relationship with Christ - "Abide in Me, because of yourself you can do nothing."
- A healthy family life (marriage & parenting)
- A growing knowledge of the Word. This includes participating in continuing education (i.e. XCF requires a course every 2 years to remain in leadership; approved seminary or research projects count too) Though knowledge is not everything, there is no substitute for Bible knowledge... it is what makes people grow in respect to salvation (1 Pet. 2:1)
- A strong prayer life (Matt. 9:38; Christ frequently withdrew for prayer)
- A learning posture (humility)
- Increasing skills & motivation to resolve conflict in the leader team & HG.

## 2. DISCIPLESHIP

**Matt. 28:19,20** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...teaching them to observe all that I commanded you. . ."

**2 Tim. 2:2** "And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."

3. **COMMUNITY** - People in HG take care of each other... HG leaders equip them to do so.

**Eph. 4:15,16** but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

## 4. EVANGELISM

**2 Cor. 5:8-10** Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God