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2. Friendship Groups

“So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.”

1 Corinthians 3:7 NIV



Challenges after Friend's Day

The First Challenge

That each member connect his/her friends to
their FG.

To achieve this, it will be essential that:

The church, as a whole, does not let her guard down during the fasting and prayer chains (Spiritual Strategy).

1. Each member pray diligently for his/her friends, so that there would be no obstacles, which prevent them from attending their FG from that day forward.

To achieve this, it will be essential that:

Each member invite his/her friends to the Friendship Group, with the same passion and faith he/she had to bring them to Friend's Day.

3. Members continue to visit their friends, because to win them to Christ, their friendship needs to be strengthened.

The Second Challenge:

Connect them to the Sunday Celebration
services.

A person who attends the FG and the Sunday Celebrations...

...has a stronger chance of being baptized, unlike those who only attend the FG or only meet on Sundays.

The friendship factor in the cell group, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit in the Sunday celebrations, will cause the sown seed to sprout, leading to salvation.



What is a Friendship Group?

A Friendship Group...

...is a small church group, which meets weekly in a house.

You can start with a minimum of 3 people: the Leader, a Timothy, and the host, where everyone must take at least one soul [guest] to the meetings. There shouldn't be more than 10 baptized members in each group.

3 Objectives of the FG

Grow in their relationship with God.

Grow in their relationship with the brethren.

1. Grow in their knowledge of the Word.

The FG will seek to achieve 4 purposes in the people who attend:

1. Be born again.
2. Grow in the body of Christ.
3. Mature in their service to God.
4. Multiply by winning souls and serving in church ministries.

The 2 Wings of the FG

Bring the lost to Christ.

1. Care for those who are born again, so that they may remain in the Lord.

FGs Promote the Development of Spiritual Gifts

As the members are edifying each other and ministering to one another, they will discover the supernatural abilities that God has given them.

It shouldn't surprise us that Holy Ghost empowered healings, deliverance, edification, and conversions occur in the Friendship Groups, through His Body, the Church.



The Friendship Group Program

1. Praise (10 minutes)

To involve our friends during worship time, use a Smart TV or a projector to:

Project the lyrics of praise from a laptop or a cell phone.

Project Karaoke (videos with audio, which display the lyrics of the song in large letters), and can be played on a Smart TV. You can download them from the Internet (YouTube or Spotify)

2. Teaching (30 minutes)

Recommendations:

The leader must prepare well by studying the lesson, so that he is familiar with the subject. Don't just read. Use the lesson only to guide you. So, study it well enough to avoid monotony.

Teach the lesson in 30 minutes, so as not to tire the people who accompany us for the first time, and also to respect the attendees' time.

- Allow questions during the lesson to motivate participation.

3. Prayer and Offering (10 minutes)

A call to prayer will be made, dealing with the subject of the lesson. We will also pray for the sick and for other needs. This section is foundational because testimonies of God's power will take place as answers to prayer. The offering should be collected at the end of prayer.

4. Planning (10 minutes)

In this section, the leader will plan the following week's Friendship Group meeting, and delegate:

Who will welcome and lead the opening prayer?

Who will lead worship?

Who will do child care?

Who will lead prayer and collect the offering?

Who will bring the snacks?

- Who will teach the lesson (if he is already preparing a Timothy)?

At the end of planning...

...make the announcements of the weekly schedule and continue following up with the souls, encouraging them regarding the 4 purposes of the meeting.

Make them a cordial invitation to attend the Sunday Celebration and their respective level of discipleship.

5. Fellowship (30-60 minutes)

This part of the meeting is very important, since this is when bonds of camaraderie are strengthened and our guests feel accepted.

Coffee or snacks are an effective icebreaker for new attendees. It is a good excuse to spend a few pleasant moments of fellowship.



The Friendship Factor

Friendship

Friendship is a key element that makes cell groups flourish, since it produces growth, unity, and strength.

That is why we call our cell groups, Friendship Groups. Our cell meeting is made up of a group of friends who meet weekly to learn more about God and also to grow in relationship with one another.

The Retention Factor

We won't be able to win souls to Christ nor help them persevere in God's way if we don't become their friends.

It is proven that a person who comes to church, and does not have friends, runs the risk of not staying. Friendship is a retention factor in Friendship Groups.

Friendship Is a Magnet That Attracts People

“The heartfelt counsel of a friend is as sweet as perfume and incense.”

Proverbs 27:9 NLT

Friendship Meets the Need for Acceptance

We all have a need to be accepted. One of people's greatest fears is rejection. We all return to a place where we are accepted.

Friendship provides an emotional break for people.

Share One's Burdens

Sharing reduces the load in half.

*“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born
for a time of adversity.”*

Proverbs 17:17 NIV

A Very Important Truth

The group meeting is not the whole life of the cell group.

This is why the group should have activities during the week, such as: Gathering to eat, have coffee, or just go out together to talk about questions the people may have, etc. The Friendship Group is a daily lifestyle of loving one another.

Conclusion

Friendship Groups are the ideal place to make friends with the lost and with the brethren we have already won.

The essential factor is friendship. If we become friends with people, we will win them to Christ, and retain them in the fold.