

SIMPLE MEETING (3/3rds group) FORMAT

LOOK BACK (1/3 of your total time available)

- CARE for one another in Fellowship.** Share a meal, a snack, a story from this week, and/or an answer to prayer. How has everyone's personal relationship with God been? What are you most thankful for? What are you most concerned about? (If anyone is struggling, pray as a group for him/her, and stay after to care for that person.)
- CHECK-UP on everyone's Following Jesus & Fishing For People (Never Skip)**
*How have you **obeyed** what you learned the last time we met? (How did you follow JESUS)?*
*Who did you **train** with what you learned? (Fishing-Saved)*
*With who have you **shared** your story and/or God's story? (Fishing-Lost)*
- CAST VISION for making disciples (Never skip)** Share a story from the Bible, a personal story, an inspiring slogan or song to encourage one another to share Jesus with others, to start new groups, and to help others do the same. You can use one of the following Bible passages to get started: **Matthew 28:18-20**, Luke 10:1-11, Acts 1:8, Luke 19:1-10, Matthew 13:1-23.

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- TALK WITH GOD simply and briefly.** Pray (or have someone pray) asking for wisdom, for God to teach us this passage.
- Have someone READ this week's passage _____ out loud AND DISCUSS using these 2 questions:**
 1. *What did you like about this passage?*
 2. *What did you find difficult about this passage, or hard to understand, or what did you not like about this passage?*(Remember that there are no wrong answers, encourage everyone to share but keep it brief)
- Have someone READ this week's passage again AND DISCUSS using these 2 questions:**
 3. *What does this passage teach about people?*
 4. *What does this passage teach about God?*(If needed remind group to stay focused on what this passage teaches as there is not time to cover other themes and questions outside of this passage. If someone asks a question that this passage does not address, acknowledge it but don't answer it, and bring them back to the passage at hand. Encourage balanced participation.)

LOOK FORWARD (NEVER SKIP) (1/3 of your total time available)

- Have everyone in the group PRAY individually for the Spirit to show them how to answer these questions: (never skip)**
 5. *How will you **obey** this passage? _____*
 6. *Who will you **train** with this passage? _____, _____, _____, _____, _____*
 7. *With whom will you **share** your story or God's story? _____, _____, _____, _____, _____*
- Have each person WRITE DOWN their commitments. (never skip)** (Use this page, mobile, or index card, etc. to list S.M.A.R.T. (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely) goals/commitments.
- Have each person SHARE their commitments with each other AND WRITE DOWN each other's commitments. (never skip)** (If needed, ask clarifying questions when sharing goals/commitments. "What will that look like when you do that?" "How will you know when you have obeyed that?" "When do you plan to do that?" "How can the rest of us hold you accountable to that?" Avoid making and enabling weak, unclear and vague commitments as they usually result in the same kind of obedience and follow through which in turn affects growth and reproduction).
- PRACTICE (never skip)** in groups of 2 or 3 what you have committed to do in questions 5, 6 or 7. For example, role-play a difficult conversation or facing a temptation; practice teaching today's passage, or practice sharing the Gospel or testimony. If possible, practice at least 5 times each, thus improving each other's competence and confidence in implementation.
- TALK WITH GOD (never skip)** in groups of 2 or 3. Pray for every person individually and specifically. Ask God to prepare the hearts of the people (by name) who will be hearing about Jesus this week. Ask Him to give each of you the strength, boldness and courage to be obedient to your commitments. Remember to pray for each other during the week.

MODEL _____

ASSIST _____

WATCH _____