

# MASTER BUILDER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## SMALL GROUPS

### BIG CHANGE

**IMAGINE** a network of small groups that actually multiply every 12 to 24 months.

**IMAGINE** a network of small groups led by men and women who truly understand their role as shepherd and facilitator.

**IMAGINE** a church model that quickly integrates nearly every member into a dynamic, committed small group.

### POSSIBLE? ABSOLUTELY. HOW?

#### CLARIFYING THE GOAL – Matthew 28:19-20

- **Our Mission** – *“To lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.”*

#### DEFINING SPIRITUAL MATURITY – Matthew 22:37-40

- **What do we want people to become?**
  - People growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ.
- **What do we want people to do?**
  - Pursue three vital relationships – intimacy with God, community with insiders (believers), and influence with outsiders (unbelievers).
- **Where do we want people to go?**
  - Into a small group.

#### STRATEGY – GROUPS AT MASTER BUILDER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- Groups support our evangelistic strategy
- Groups decentralize church leadership and care
- Groups enable more people to serve
- Groups help develop authentic community
- Groups offer maximum flexibility
- Groups allow us to be better stewards

#### VALUES & GOALS

- **Relationships** - While prayer and discussion of curriculum are key elements of a community group, the driving force behind the group is the building of relationships.
- **Authenticity** - The atmosphere of a community group should encourage openness and transparency among members. This is an environment where people should feel free to be themselves.
- **Confidentiality** - For authenticity to occur, members must be able to trust that issues discussed within a community group will not be shared outside the group.
- **Respect** - Group members should never say anything that will embarrass their spouse or members of the group.
- **Availability** - A primary responsibility of community is to prioritize for specific relationships. This requires a willingness to be available to meet each other's needs.
- **Multiplication** - Group members recognize that one of the goals of their group is to start a new group within eighteen to twenty-four months. This allows others to experience the community group relationship

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