

Developing Leaders through Small Groups

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To Develop Leadership Through Small Groups You Must Emphasize Small Groups:

- **Participation required for membership.**
- **Exemplary participation required for leadership position any kind. Can't lead a ministry or teach a class if you don't consistently participate in a cell group.**
- **Everything that happens on a big scale will happen because of what happens in the small group.**

*Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach ¹⁵and to have authority to drive out demons. **Mark 3:13-16***

➤ **5 PRINCIPLES FROM JESUS MINISTRY**

1. **SELECTION** – *He called those he wanted...*

- **Their Role? Acknowledge God's call.**

*God... called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. **1 Peter 2:9** (NIV)*

[It was] to this end that He called you through our Gospel, so that you may obtain and share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

2 Thessalonians 2:14 (AB)

*For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light... **Ephesians 5:8** (NIV)*

2. **CONNECTION** – *and they came to him.*

- ***Coming to Jesus always involves leaving something else. For Peter and John following Jesus meant leaving fishing.***

*Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” ²²But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property. **Matthew 19:20-22** (NAS)*

- **Their Role? They must answer Christ's call.**
- **You must choose them but they must also choose you.**

If anyone wants to follow me, he must say no to himself. He must pick up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ *If he wants to save his life, he will lose it. But if he loses his life for me, he will find it.* ²⁶ *What good is it if someone gains the whole world but loses his soul? Or what can anyone trade for his soul?* **Matthew 16:24, 25** (NIRV)

Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern. **Mathew 6:2b, 33** (NLT)

3. **CONCENTRATION** –...he appointed twelve

- **Smaller is essential to care in the doctor's office, learning in the class room, development at the health club and personal growth in the Church.**

the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. **2 Timothy 2:2** (NIV)

4. **ASSOCIATION**– that they might be with him

1. I do, you watch.
2. I do, you help.
3. You do, I help.
4. You do, I watch.
5. You do, someone else watches.

After they found out that Peter and John had no education or special training, they were surprised to see how boldly they spoke. They realized that these men had been with Jesus. **Acts 4:13** (GW)

- **My Role? I invest in the process**

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. **Hebrews 3:12, 13** (NIV)

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. **Acts 2:46, 47** (NIV)

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. **Proverbs 27:17** (NIV)

- **As with any investment there is a connection between what you put in and what you get out.**
- **My mom was a teacher and she would like you to know that the best teacher cannot compensate for a student who invest little in the process.**

5. **REPRODUCTION** – *That he might send them out to preach*

I've given you an example that you should follow. John 13:15(GW)

He also told them this parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?"⁴⁰ A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher. Luke 6:39, 40 (NIV)

- **Church attendance was not Christ's goal, life change was.**
- **You are designed to become like Christ so you can represent Christ.**
- **My Role? I fulfill Christ's purpose.**

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Hebrews 13:7 (NIV)

- **Great leaders were not provided to admire they were provide to imitate.**

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you... Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Jethro and Moses (Ex. 18), Moses and Joshua (Deut. 31), Jonathan and David (I Sam. 18-20), and Elijah and Elisha (I Kings 19). Some New Testament models are: Jesus and the Twelve, Barnabas and Saul (Acts), Paul and Timothy (Acts 16; I & II Tim.), and Paul and Titus (II Cor. 7; Titus).