



SMALL GROUPS

SESSION 3: SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

OPENING ACTIVITY – ICEBREAKER (15 MINUTES)

1. Encourage people to bring their tea/coffee with them to sit in a circle, as it will give a more relaxed feel to the group.
2. There should be no more than ten people in a small group, including the facilitator; and no fewer than five. Divide a larger group into appropriate sized small groups for this session.
3. Remind people of the 'confidentiality' clause, even though this is a learning experience, confidentiality still applies.
4. Use the icebreaker in the 'Future Now' study and/or ask everyone to write their names on a piece of paper and put them into the middle (folded). Everyone takes a name. The task is to ask your 'person' one question about themselves, in order to find out an interesting piece of information about them.

For Example:

Tell me a little about the town/city you grew up in...

What did you want to be when you grew up?

What's one thing you really enjoy doing?

That way, group members are asking each other questions.

5. After the icebreaker is concluded, STOP the group and have a REVIEW:

Questions for group discussion:

Ask: How did you think that went?

What was the purpose of engaging everyone in the group for an icebreaker?

What is your comfort level like now, compared to when you first sat down?

BIBLE STUDY – 'FUTURE NOW' BIBLE STUDY (50 MINUTES)

1. Begin the introduction to the 'Future Now' study and work through the first set of questions.
2. If the group starts to turn into the authoritarian style (you are the only person asking all the questions) pull the group up and make mention of what's happening.
3. Invite other members of the group to look up scripture and read verses etc. Try not to formally ask them. Instead say 'can someone look up...'



4. After the first set of questions has been answered, STOP the group and have the second REVIEW:

Questions for group discussion:

Ask: How do you think that went?

What could we have done differently?

When people are quiet, and not answering questions or giving input, what do you think might be happening for them?

5. Continue on to the last section of the 'Future Now' study.
6. This might be a good time to ask someone else in the group if they would like to facilitate the discussion.
7. Then STOP the group and have the third REVIEW.

Questions for group discussion:

Ask: How do you think that went?

What could we have done differently?

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

To finish, do something creative to close in prayer (rather than the facilitators praying). You may like to pray in pairs, for the person who was your icebreaker partner. If different corps are represented, you may like to have different corps personnel praying for each other.