**The Connecting Church**

**Worship Service**

*Designed to:* ***inspire*** *people to become fully developing followers of Christ*

3 pronged approach (Using the spiritual formation calendar)

* Theological (i.e. salvation by grace)
* Biblical (maintains the integrity of the context)
* Relevant (application to contemporary living)

**Community Group**

Group of about 50: 5 x 10-member home group

*Designed to:* ***instruct*** *people to become fully developing followers of Christ*

3 functions:

* Teacher/facilitator leads a discussion on the subject
* Personal study (done during the week) fuels the discussion (\*Based on the idea that members study the lesson during the week).
* Relationships begin to form

**Life Group**

Group of about 10

*Designed to:* ***involve*** *people in the* ***Seven Functions of Biblical Community***; *not another Bible study, but encourages the practice of the Christian Life in community*

First organize people around relationships and then allow the functional purposes to flow from these relationships, instead of organizing people around functional purposes and expect meaningful relationships and community to emerge

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|  | Seven Functions of Biblical Community in Life Groups |
| S | **Spiritual Formation** |
|  | *Annually assess our own development using Christian Life Profile*, confess, set goals, share progress, and encourage |
| E | **Evangelism** |
|  | *Each household commits to pray for 3 neighborhood families*. Pray, hold accountable, set goal: 1 family/yr b/cm Christian |
| R | **Reproduction** |
|  | Open community; 1 leader in training preparing to launch as Lord adds to their number; goal- a new group in 1 year |
| V | **Volunteerism** |
|  | Support the local church boy through being involved in ministries and service opportunities |
| I | **International Missions** |
|  | Support at least one international missions project: prayer, financial aid, hands-on involvement |
| C | **Care** |
|  | Foundation of biblical community: commitment to care for one another: help in difficult or crisis situations |
| E | **Extending Compassion** |
|  | Respond to social needs of community; 4 compassion projects/year; monthly: select, prepare for, or celebrate project |

This will require that the church simplify. Do not develop competing activities *at* church.