



UPWARD INWARD OUTWARD
FORWARD—MOMENTUM FOR
SUCCESS!



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- The definition of a holistic small group can be summarized with the words **Upward, Inward, Outward, Forward**. When a group embodies these components, it will be effective. It will see miracles.
- The first two, Upward and Inward, are derived from the Great Commandment, and the second two, Outward and Forward, from the Great Commission.



- **Great Commandment**
 - Upward ("Love the Lord your God...")
 - Inward ("Love your neighbor...")
- **Great Commission**
 - Outward ("Go make disciples...")
 - Forward ("Into all the world...")



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JESUS ON THE CROSS

Upward-God



Outward-Thief

Inward-Thief

Forward-John



¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

The New King James Version. (1982). (Eph 4:11-13).





¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ.

The New King James Version. (1982). (Eph 4:14-15).





•The focus of the cross is always upon Jesus. Upward, Inward, Outward and Forward are only possible when the group maintains a clear view of Jesus and what He is doing. Without Him, there is no purpose for the cross. Without him, there is no purpose for your cell group.



It has been shown me that our camp-meetings are to increase in interest and success. As we approach nearer the end, I have seen that in these meetings there will be less preaching, and more Bible study. There will be little groups all over the ground with their Bibles in their hands, and different ones leading out in a free, conversational study of the Scriptures.

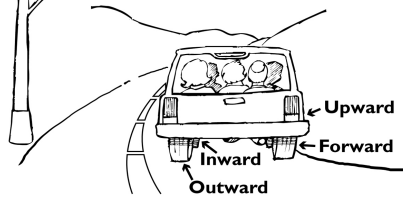


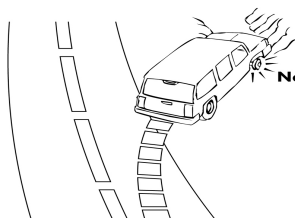
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Every cell group is on a journey. Like a car, an effective group runs on four wheels.

CELL GROUP JOURNEY

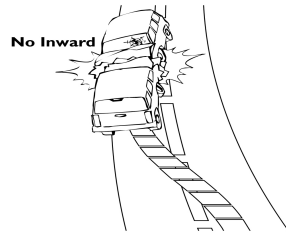




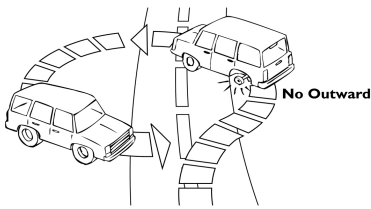
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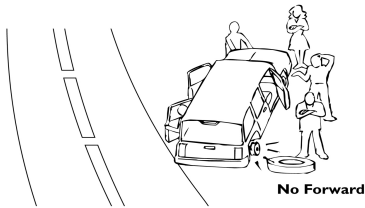
FAILURE TO FOCUS ON GOD—GROUP STALLS OUT IN A DITCH



NO COMMUNITY--COLLIDE WITH OTHER PRIORITIES



NO EVANGELISM--STAGNATION LOOP



No Discipleship, no mentoring, no new leader...No Future!

HEART OF AN EFFECTIVE LEADER



- Small Group leadership is a calling of the heart
- Not a job
- If you sense God calling you to lead, you are at the right place, embrace it. If not, reevaluate what your calling is through prayer and seeking the Holy Spirit.
- Heart of a shepherd (John 10:11-15)
 - Jesus illustrated the difference between being called or doing a job. He compared the actions of a shepherd with the actions of a hired hand.



JOHN 10:11-15





THE HEART OF A SHEPHERD

Good Shepherd

Cares enough to
Sacrifice

Knows sheep personally

Close relationship with
God

Heart for the Sheep

Hired Hand

Quits when things get
tough

Knows sheep as flock

In it for personal gain

Just doing the job





THE NEEDS OF A SHEEP





PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR THE
**GREAT
COMMANDMENT
&
GREAT COMMISSION**





PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

- *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”*

— Matthew 22:37-39





UPWARD LOVE FOR GOD



- In order for a group to embody the commission of Upward and Inward, Small Group leaders must first embody the commission themselves.



UPWARD LOVE FOR GOD



- First, you must have the Passion for intimacy with God. This Passion for God:
 - Stimulates ministry
 - Love for the sheep
- How to prepare your Upward life
 - Focus on the Lord before the small group meeting.
 - Fast
 - Pray over the location before meeting.



INWARD LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER



- Love for people
 - It is impossible to participate in the ministry of God without loving people. If you lead great meetings where people share deep insights, if you teach the Word revealing truth, if you sacrifice time and energy for the sake of your group, but you have not love, you have nothing.



INWARD

LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER



- How to prepare your Inward life?
- Leaders open the door for God to come in. This is done through prayer. As you pray for those in your group, love will grow for them. You will discover how to intercede and minister to them. As you hear the Lord, you can begin to speak encouragement into the lives of your group members.



PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR THE GREAT COMMISSION



- "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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the earth."

— Matthew 28:19-20



OUTWARD

PENETRATE THE LOST WORLD



- Small groups depend upon a "go" strategy.
 - Small Groups take the good news of Jesus Christ to people. They do not expect people to "come and see." They go to neighborhoods, subdivisions, office buildings, local shops. They go where people live.



OUTWARD-PENETRATE THE LOST WORLD





FORWARD

MOBILIZE DISCIPLES



- Forward takes place through three means:
 1. The discipling of new believers
 2. The mentoring of new leaders
 3. The launching of new groups



FORWARD—MOBILIZE DISCIPLES



“Hold Bible readings for families and their neighbors. There is need of a different kind of labor in our churches from what they have had. Those ministers who are inclined merely to preach, and not to visit and put forth personal effort, need to break up this habit by working earnestly in families. Let families invite in their neighbors, and then let the minister hold Bible readings with them, and become acquainted with them. There needs to be less preaching and more pastoral work done in our churches. Those who have no aptitude for this kind of labor, should educate themselves, and come more into harmony with Christ's manner of working.”

--HM Nov. 1, 1890. {PaM 137.3}



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