

SMALL GROUP CONNECTION

Set-up Instructions

- 1) Ask someone with the gifts of hospitality and administration to set up the room or home with coffee, refreshments, nametags and music.
- 2) Start by doing a welcoming large group mixer. Serendipity's ice breakers and heart warmers book is a good source or you can use Bingo. Have couples split up for now before you begin so they can meet more people.
- 3) Have people move to geographical or other primary starting affinities (men, women, singles, couples) before you begin Round One.
- 4) Pair them up (2-4) for Round One; combine (4-8) for Round Two; and finally combine (8-16) for Round Three.
- 5) After they complete Round Three, use the Acts 6, "Bottom-up" method in identifying a relative/temporary Leader and Apprentice Leader.
- 6) Before they pray to ask God who might be the best candidates, encourage them to think through the following questions:
 - a. Who is the relative Leader or Apprentice Leader in this group?
 - b. If I had a spiritual need or needed counsel from someone, who would it be?
 - c. Who seems to be the most mature, experienced and prepared member in our group?
 - d. Who would I be willing to follow for 6-8 weeks?
 - e. Who appears to be the most humble, and have the most authentic walk with God?
- 7) After praying for a moment quietly alone, close the time with a prayer yourself. Then on the count of three, have them point to the person they sense God has placed on their heart to lead this short-term group. Then ask several people to briefly explain why they pointed to the person with the most people pointing at them. Ask the group to agree on at least one leader and one apprentice.
- 8) Then have the groups decide when, where and what time their first meeting will be? What they will study? Who will bring dessert? And fill out a NCR group roster so that the leader and you have copies of the names and contact information of the group members.
- 9) Have the groups close by sharing one prayer request and have one or more members pray for the requests and you close the whole meeting in prayer.
- 10) Ask the leaders and apprentices to stay behind for a few minutes following your closing prayer.
 - a. Give them the dates for the next LT-1 (Host/Leader Training One) classes.
 - b. Give them your contact information, or the contact information of their Coach or Community Leader.
 - c. Give the new leaders an updated copy of the Small Group Agreement to be completed at their first meeting.

They're off to the races...committed to living "Life Together."