



The Orlando Institute

Equipping Leaders to Disciple the Nations

Leading Groups

This class is the third in a series of four. In the Leadership Training certificate and Master of Christian ministry programs it cannot be taken out of sequence.

Objectives: By the completion of this class the student will be able to

1. describe the purpose and process of small groups in discipleship
2. start a small group and teach the members how to multiply
3. experience the relationship between evangelism, discipleship and small groups
4. understand a variety of approaches to developing small groups

Sessions:

1. Hook, Book, Look, Took
2. How to Lead Group Discussions
3. Teaching that Changes Lives
4. Cell Groups
5. Philosophy of Training
6. Role of a Mentor
7. Spiritual Gifts
8. Spiritual Multiplication Process
9. A Call to Help Fulfill the Great Commission
10. Role of Evangelism in Discipleship
11. How to Conduct Video Showings
12. How to Witness as a Way of Life
13. Discerning God's Will
14. Spiritual Stages of Growth
15. Character and Values
16. Review and Commission

Assignments:

1. Textbook:
George, Carl. (1997). *Nine Keys to Successful Small Groups*. Mansfield, PA: Kingdom Pub.
2. Papers
 - A. Write personal responses to the first 12 chapters of the Nine Keys book. Include: key points from the chapter, thoughts about application of each chapter, at least one specific lesson you will apply from each chapter. Due week 12.

B. Write a final paper on the lessons you have learned in this semester and how it has changed or reinforced your thinking about small groups. Due week 15.

3. Scripture Memory

Due week three: Ephesians 4: 14-16

Due week five: Philippians 2:1-4

Due week seven: I Peter 4:8-10

Due week nine: Acts 2:46; 5:42; 14:23; 20:20

4. Log

Keep a log weekly of the lessons you have learned about leading and multiplying through groups, the attempts you make each week to lead a group, whether those attempts are successes or failures, and what lessons you can learn from each of these. Due week 16.

5. Master's students:

Read one other book from the bibliography and write a paper on the major lessons you learn from that book. Due week 14.

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