

**Session One**

**A New Paradigm!**



# ***Pastors Life Group***

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✓ Check each item below after you discuss it with the Pastors in your Pastors Life Group. (These could be Pastors from your Church and/or other Pastors and Ministry Leaders in your area.)

### **Complete the following before you meet with your Pastors Life Group:**

- ❑ 1. Read **Introduction**. Be prepared to share how you believe this Pastors Life Group will help you effectively lead your Church and equip you to develop other Pastors and leaders.
- ❑ 2. Read **How to Use this Training Workbook**. Be prepared to share how you believe this ministry strategy will change our lives and equip us as Pastors to reach beyond our church to fulfil the Great Commission in our community and our world.
- ❑ 3. Complete the **Summary Report** on Pages 5 and have it ready to give at the Pastors Life Group. (If you are just beginning a discipling process you may not have a lot to report yet but report what you can. Also if you miss a monthly meeting you could report on activity in your Discovery Groups since the last time you met.)
- ❑ 4. You do **not** need to read **Yes We Can Reach Our World!** on Pages 7 to 11. The group leader will share this at the first Pastors Life Group meeting. You will be given opportunities to identify your areas of need so come prepared to share your insights with the other Pastors and ask any questions.

**Note to the leader:** Come prepared to share your Church and/or Personal Vision Statement and why you are committed to fulfil the Great Commission, then lead into the **Yes We Can Reach Our World!** Presentation. You can download this on PowerPoint from our Website at [www.dynamicchurches.org](http://www.dynamicchurches.org) or use the printed presentation in this session.

### **Complete the following with your Pastors Life Group at the meeting:**

- ❑ 5. Get to know each other. Complete **Getting Acquainted with your Pastors Life Group** on Page 4. Share personal concerns.
- ❑ 6. Discuss and check (✓) off 1 through 3 above.
- ❑ 7. With your Pastors Life Group complete and discuss **Yes We Can Reach Our World!** Presentation on Pages 7 through 11.
- ❑ 8. Complete the **Action Plan** on Page 12. We need to take action to improve the quality of our Church/Ministry and also to work together with other churches to see our city reached.

## Prayer and Closing:

- ❑ 9. Share personal or church related concerns and pray for each other and our ministries.
- ❑ 10. Go over Preparation assignment for Session Two. You will need to set aside time to work on this session. You may want to have a day in a quiet place, away from distractions where you can fast and pray as you seek **God's Vision for Your Life and Ministry**.
- ❑ 11. Set a Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ for our next Pastors Life Group session.

## Getting Acquainted with Your Pastors Life Group

**Instructions:** (To be completed when you meet together)

1. Each Pastor should share his/her name, telephone number and E-mail address. Write this information **(in the same order in each of your books)** about yourself and the other Pastors for quick communication and prayer. When you want to share information or a prayer request with everyone, contact the **person listed below your name**. They contact the next until it comes back around to you. When appropriate pass the requests on to your Coaches and/or Discovery Groups **(set up a similar strategy with each Discovery Group)**.
2. After 1. above, each Pastor share why you believe God has led you to be a part of this team.

Name

Phone

E-mail Address

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# Summary Report

**Note:** Pray and believe that God will do great things through your Discovery Group Ministry. The following is a **Summary Report** for your church and **the totals of all of the Pastors in this Pastors Life Group.**

## Report on the Coaches I work with and their Discovery Groups:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Our Church(es) has (have)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Coaches who care for
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Discovery Groups with
4. \_\_\_\_\_ People who attend regularly
5. \_\_\_\_\_ New Attendees This Past Month
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Pairs of People are in Dynamic Basics One-to-One Training
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Pairs of People are in Dynamic Discipling One-to-One Training
8. \_\_\_\_\_ People received Christ as Saviour through our groups this past month.
9. We have planted a total of \_\_\_\_\_ New Churches.

## Comments or Stories of Significant Life Change (attach copies)

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## A Total Report on all the Churches Our Pastors Life Group serves:

1. Together we serve \_\_\_\_\_ Churches who have a total of
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3. \_\_\_\_\_ Discovery Groups with
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# **Yes We Can Reach Our World!**

In this session we will consider the challenge of fulfilling the Great Commission and the condition of our present realities. (Note: You can download this on PowerPoint from our Website at [www.dynamicchurches.org](http://www.dynamicchurches.org) or share printed presentation below.)

**Jesus said.....**

*“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 age.”*     **Matthew 28:18 -20**

## **The Great Commission**

Jesus told us to fulfil the Great Commission because He knew it could be accomplished!

## **God’s Strategy is to Make Disciples**

A disciple is one who **lives like Jesus Christ.**

**Our World would be a better place if we had millions of people who lived each day as Jesus would live.**

## ***Dynamic Churches International***

**We are committed to...The Great Commission!**

## **Our Vision...**

*To have reached every person with the gospel of Jesus Christ through the reproduction of equipped witnessing disciples.*

**We believe it can be done!**

**Here’s How.**

## **It Must be a Church Based Strategy**

**Each Church *must* develop a Process for  
*Making Disciples***

## **What is Our Present Reality?**

- Are you Committed to fulfilling the Great Commission?
- What is a Fully Devoted Follower (Disciple) of Christ?

- How many Witnessing Disciples (WD) will it take to reach Our Community with the gospel of Jesus Christ? (Example: In order to understand the magnitude of the task please consider that each WD shares with 10 people. Divide our population by 10 = \_\_\_\_\_ Witnessing Disciples needed.
- How many Witnessing Disciples do you have in your Church that would share with 10 people? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many Witnessing Disciples in other Community Churches? \_\_\_\_\_
- How will we reach and disciple Our Community? \_\_\_\_\_
- How long will it take using the present strategy? \_\_\_\_\_

### What is Your Present Strategy?

Your Present Costs:

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Building, Equipment and Furnishings
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Value of Land
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Operating Budget over 5 Years
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total**

**How many people did your church reach and disciple in the last 5 years?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Goal would be to reach and disciple** \_\_\_\_\_ **People in the next 5 Years.**

**Total Cost to reach your goal of** \_\_\_\_\_ **People in 5 years is \$** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Cost for each New Follower of Christ is \$** \_\_\_\_\_

### What Will You Have Gained?

A. Population of our community is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Last year our community grew by \_\_\_\_\_ people.

C. In 5 Years it should grow by \_\_\_\_\_ more people. (B x 5 = C)

D. If the Churches we represent reach our **Goal** of \_\_\_\_\_ new people in 5 years, we will be ahead/behind our community growth by \_\_\_\_\_ people. (C -- Goal = D)

Plus we will still have (A) \_\_\_\_\_ People to Reach!

### To Reach Our City

(A) \_\_\_\_\_ People X cost per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### To Reach Our Country

\_\_\_\_\_ Million People X \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Regardless of how many churches get involved or who pays for it, is the present strategy of how we do ministry Effective or Efficient?**

### **Is There A Better Way?**

- That is not limited by buildings.
- That is not dependent on professional staff or a few highly qualified leaders to equip people for ministry.
- That does not teach information in a classroom style, but trains People Spiritual Life Skills in Groups and One-to-One (father to son, mother to daughter).
- That does not need expensive and time absorbing programs.
- That minimizes the number of paid professionals and maximizes the number of volunteers.

### **Is a New Paradigm Needed?**

- Where each believer is sharing the gospel and is equipped to develop those who receive Christ into mature disciples of Christ.
- Where leaders are being developed proportionate to the growth of the Church.
- Where there is exponential growth potential at all levels of maturity.

**We Want to Reach Our City (approximately \_\_\_\_\_ People)**

What we do at our Churches needs to be so simple and reproducible that we can help other Churches in Our City do the same in order to produce enough Witnessing Disciples to Reach and Disciple everyone in Our City!

**We need a System that equips Spiritual Fathers and Mothers to raise Spiritual Sons and Daughters to Spiritual Maturity!**

### **What about Buildings?**

- Most Christ followers already have a Home that they own or on which they are paying rent or an Apartment that they rent.
- Discovery Groups and One-to-One, Discovery Group Leader and Coach training could all be done in these homes.
- We could help Participating Churches in Our City fill up their Buildings 5 or more times each week for worship.
- Other Churches and schools etc. could rent out their buildings 3 or 4 times each week to the Churches that need a place to worship.

## **Do You Have a Reproducible Model?**

- Your Present Church Model may be difficult to reproduce and may not be effective in meeting the huge need.
- The Spontaneous Disciple Making Model could be effectively done in any Church, City or Country of the world!
- We (DCI) would be able to help you connect with potential nationals in many countries.

(DCI Discipleship and Leader training materials are available in many languages.)

## **A Global Influence!**

- Your Church could send out teams of trainers to train (national leaders) to equip Pastors in a simple and reproducible model. They could equip many churches. Each trained church could equip other churches in that country.
- Your Church would not only help a few Churches in Our Country and a few Church Planters in other Countries but you could be a catalyst to launch a movement to fulfill the **Great Commission in each country!**

## **Being the Right Example**

***“Example is not the main thing influencing others.  
It is the only thing.”***

Albert Schweitzer

## **Exponential Growth**

Reproducing Discovery Groups that are Reaching New People, Equipping them as Disciples and Leaders gives us Hope that we can Reach Our Community and Our World with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## **Can We Do It?**

### **Yes It Can Be Done! Here's How!**

Each Church reproduces itself 10 times:

Year 1      Year 2      Year 3

1 church trains 3 = 4 + 3 = 7 + 4 = 11

It will take Vision, a Strategy and  
Great Dedication!

**But We Can Do It!**

**We Can and We Must!**

**It really Can Be Done! We Can Reach ...  
Our Community!**

**By working together to make disciples with other local churches in our city  
(or area) we can reach...**

**Our City!**

**When we reach each city in our country we will have reached....**

**Our Nation!**

**When this is accomplished in each nation, we will have reached....**

**Our World!**

## **Is There a Need for Change?**

**Yes    No**

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| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | If you continue doing what you are doing as a Church, will you fulfil your Vision and reach your community with the gospel of Jesus Christ? |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | In your opinion do you believe your Church needs to make some changes?                                                                      |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | In your opinion, are the leaders of your Church willing to lead your Church through the necessary changes?                                  |

What do you think needs to change? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Is There Willingness to Change?**

The Holy Spirit leads and empowers people to change. People will be more willing to change as Biblical principles are implemented.

## **How does change come about? Who changes?**

- ❑ First the **Pastor must** be willing to change.
- ❑ Second the **leaders must** be willing to change.
- ❑ Then the **people will** be willing to change.

## **Why People Will Change:**

Leaders are **trusted**  
Purpose is **clear**  
Value is **evident**  
People are **benefited**  
Objectives are **understood**  
People are **participants**

## **Why People Will Not Change:**

**Lack of trust** in leaders has developed  
Purpose is **not** clear  
**No value** is evident  
The **leaders** alone **benefit**  
Objectives are **cloudy**  
People have **no ownership**

**Change means accepting the Reality of a new Paradigm.  
Life is Change - Progress is Optional!**

**What Do You Believe God Would Have You Do  
in Light of this Great Opportunity?**

## **Action Plan**

By the Holy Spirit's enabling I commit myself to:

- ❑ Develop our local church to be a disciple-making center.
- ❑ Equip our leaders and provide opportunities for each of our people to be equipped.
- ❑ Make teams of leaders available to train leaders of other churches locally.
- ❑ Send teams of leaders to train leaders of churches internationally.

***✓ Check all that you are able to commit yourself to at this time. Discuss with the other Pastors the areas where you need their help and where you can help them. Make plans to meet individually as needed to serve each other in the areas of the Ministry Process where we have experience. We are One Church!***