

# EVANGELISTIC SMALL GROUPS

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**SMALL GROUPS WORKING TOGETHER**  
CHANGING THE WORLD



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## Our Philosophy

Our philosophy for evangelism and church growth is articulated in the statement below taken from the book, Ministry of Healing.

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## Our Process

Our evangelistic process is designed to engage the three definitive events that emerge from the method Jesus used;

MINGLE

MINISTER

FOLLOW ME

Essential to the success of people responding to Christ’s call to follow Him was the timing of that call in relation to Christ mingling with people, and ministering to their needs.

We believe that not only are the individual elements of the process important, but that the order and the intentionality of the process is just as important.

## Our Plan

Our annual evangelistic plan is to implement the process in recurring quarterly cycles that alternate between Home Work cycles and Field Work cycles.

Every member is given a role to play and becomes an integral part of a small group. These small groups use the philosophy and the process both in the field and at home.



## Our Mission

Our mission begins at home, working to spiritually grow our members, recover and restore those who are missing, to nurture those who are new, and to foster a spirit of unity that demonstrates our call to be one.

Our mission to the community around us includes the intentional ordering of our efforts, creating well researched and specifically targeted plans, engaging those plans in service to our community by ministering to needs, and by sharing a Biblically branded faith in the context of our unique Seventh-day Adventist identity.

The New Testament word for "church" is ecclesia. It is formed by two Greek words, ek (out) and kaleo (to call). The Church. The called out ones.

It was commonly understood that the New Testament church, the ones upon whom the power of the Holy Spirit fell on the day of Pentecost, were a special and unique people who were called out for a very special and unique purpose.

They were called to be a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a peculiar people.

And so are we.

We are called to make a difference in our homes and in our familiar surroundings. Our Husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, children and friends and co-workers should all be bettered by our passion to help **Grow** and **Nurture** their own God-given callings.

We are Called to **Recover**

# We Are Called

and

**Restore** our loved ones, lost when storms blur the paths that mark life's journey. We are called to make the journey as **One**, together, hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, united in our passionate love for our god and for each other.

We are also called to make a difference in the World, doing our very best to make the world and our communities a better place. We are called to make a difference in the lives of the poor and the indigent, the helpless and the hopeless. We are called to an intentional **Ordering** of our efforts so that our work will be more effective and efficient as we follow the leading of the Holy spirit.

We are called to study the communities in which we work and to develop spirit led **Plans** that will make a decided difference. We are called to **Serve** in a way that wins confidence and we are called to **Share** the Message of a crucified, risen, and coming again Savior.

"For even hereunto were ye called because Christ suffered for us, leaving us and example that you should follow in His steps:"

- 1 Peter 2:21

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling..."

- Eph 4:4

"For he that is called in the Lord. being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant."

- 1 Cor. 7:22

"...and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords and King of Kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

- Rev. 17:14

# We are Called...

To Grow



by studying, praying, and worshipping together in our effort to mature our relationships with each other and with God

Existing Members

To Recover & Restore



by searching out missing members in order to recover and restore them to fellowship with Jesus and His church

Missing Members

To Nurture



by welcoming, celebrating, discipling, and engaging new friends into the discipleship of Jesus and the fellowship of His church

New Members

To Be One



by fostering community and establishing unifying, loving relationships among all of our church members

All Members

HOME WORK

Our mission begins at home, working to spiritually grow our members, recover and restore those who are missing, to nurture those who are new, and to foster a spirit of unity that demonstrates our call to be one.





# Home Work Cycle



WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9	WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13
<b>Begin Mingle Phase</b>				<b>Begin Ministry Phase</b>				<b>Begin Follow Me Phase</b>				
<b>Mingle</b>												
Getting to know fellow small group members Building Relationships				<b>Minister</b>								
				Getting to know fellow small group members & building relationships Departmental Ministry Events - Set Ministry Plans for Field Work Cycle - Field Work Training				<b>Follow Me</b>				
				Getting to know other small group members & building relationships Departmental Ministry Events - Field Work Training Fliers & Invites to Evangelistic Series - Evangelistic Series - Ministry Showcase								

# We are Called ...

To Plan



by collecting and collating current and relevant data and developing ministry plans for the specific communities where our church works

Our Work

To Order



by ordering, defining, mapping, and tracking areas where our church mingles, ministers, and disciples in the community

Our Plans

To Serve



by projects, events, and relationships that result in developing healthy interaction with and among the communities where our church works

Our Communities

To Share



by projects, events, and relationships that result in establishing Biblically branded faith in the communities where the church works

Our Faith

FIELD WORK

Our mission to the community around us includes the intentional ordering of our efforts, creating well researched and specifically targeted plans, engaging those plans in service to our community by ministering to needs, and by sharing a Biblically branded faith in the context of our unique Seventh-day Adventist identity.



# Field Work Cycle



WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9	WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13
<b>Begin Mingle Phase</b>				<b>Begin Ministry Phase</b>				<b>Begin Follow Me Phase</b>				
Getting to know residents in the defined zones												
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# Small Group Anatomy

**Mission Critical Core**  
 These are group members who serve in departments of the church that are critical to achieving the functions of the group.

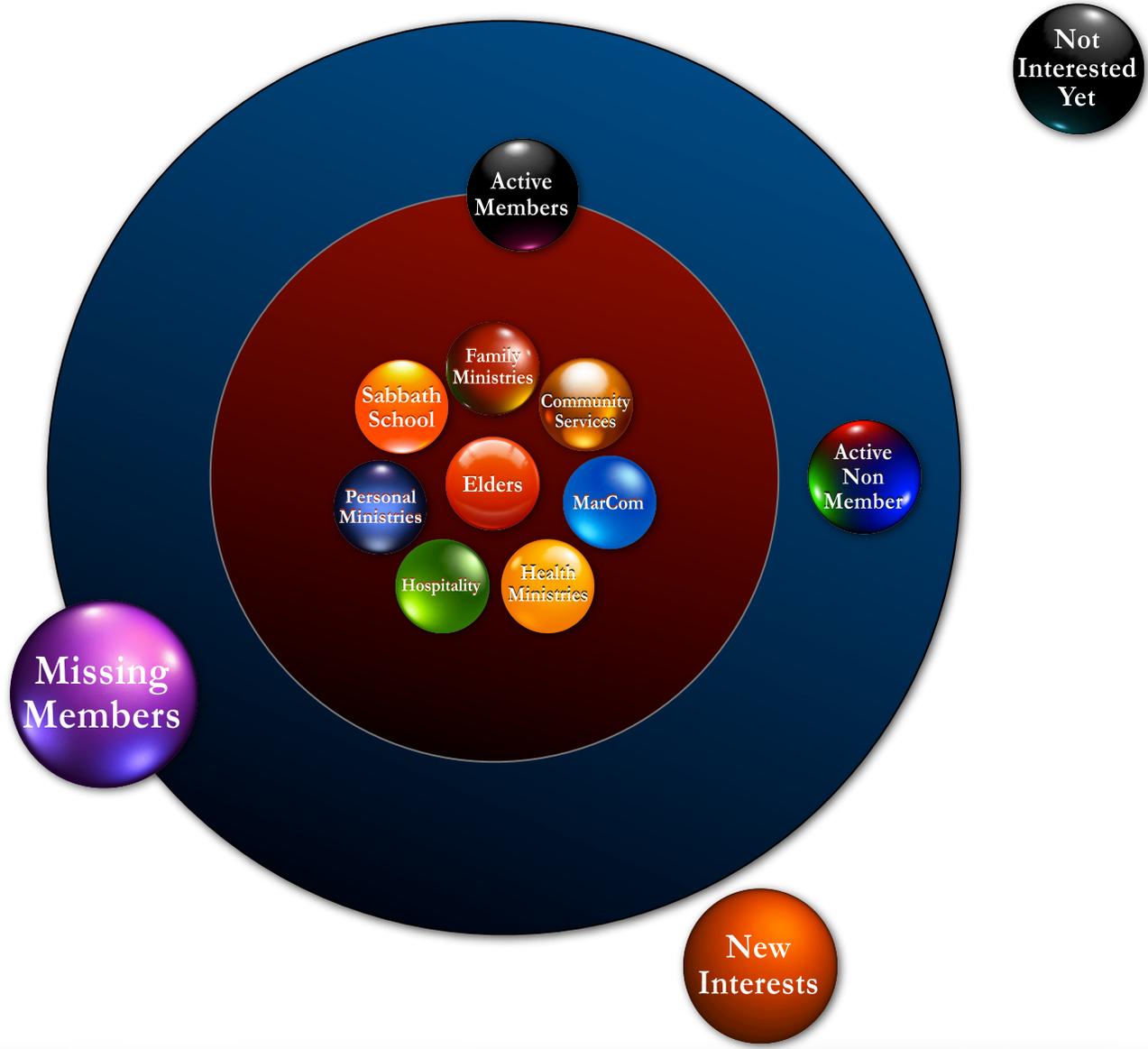
**Active Members**  
 Members who attend regularly and are actively involved in the ministries of the church.

**Active Non-Member**  
 Non-members who attend regularly and are actively involved in the ministries of the church.

**Missing Members**  
 Members who are irregular attenders and who are not actively involved in the ministries of the church.

**New Interests**  
 Non-members who have attended any of our church functions and have shown interest in our fellowship.

**Not Interested Yet**  
 Non-members who may have attended our church functions and have shown disinterest in our fellowship.



1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER HOME WORK CYCLE			2 <sup>ND</sup> QUARTER FIELD WORK CYCLE			3 <sup>RD</sup> QUARTER HOME WORK CYCLE			4 <sup>TH</sup> QUARTER FIELD WORK CYCLE		
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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	Growing Existing Members	Recovering Missing Members	Nurturing New Members	Fostering Community
<i>HW Mission Critical Departments</i>	Sabbath School	Elders	Hospitality	Family Ministries
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Home Work Cycle Objectives</b>	to help build an average 70% attendance rate at 10:00am by the 8 <sup>th</sup> Sabbath in the cycle	to make 6 contacts with each missing member of each group	to make 1 Home visit per quarter to every new member assigned to develop 3 unique ways of integrating new members into church life	to create a metric that measures group unity (3) to implement 3 Team Building Exercises & measure their effectiveness with 80% involvement
<i>We Are Called To...</i>	<b>GROW</b>	<b>RECOVER &amp; RESTORE</b>	<b>NURTURE</b>	<b>BE ONE</b>

	Logistics	Demographics	Community Development	Faith Development
<i>FW Mission Critical Departments</i>	MarCom	Clerks/Health	Community Services	Personal Ministries
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Home Work Cycle Objectives</b>	to map Field Work zones for the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter Field Work cycle to take the group on 3 prayer walks thru the areas designated as 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter Field Work zones	to create instruments for gathering demographic data to create the system for reporting & storing data to train groups on gathering & storing data	to plan & organize 3 group driven Community Service events for the upcoming Field Work Cycle	to implement 3 Mingling Training Sessions for the next Field Work Cycle
<i>We Are Called To...</i>	<b>ORDER</b>	<b>PLAN</b>	<b>SERVE</b>	<b>SHARE</b>