

Preparing For Life's Healing Choices Series

How To Make Your Small Group Into A Healing Ministry

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What If We Could Connect More Adults In Small Groups Than We Have In Our Worship Services?

The Centrality of the Word

"**All Scripture** is inspired by God and is useful **to teach us** what is true and to **make us realize what is wrong** in our lives. **It corrects us** when we are wrong and teaches us **to do what is right.**" *2 Timothy 3:16 NLT*

"Be sure that the book of the Law is **always read in your worship.** Study it day and night, and make sure that you obey everything written in it. Then you will be **prosperous and successful.**" *Joshua 1:8 GNT*

- Without the Word, we can heal a person, but we lose a soul to eternity

The Centrality of Incarnational Love

[Jesus] "**Love one another.** In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples" *John 13:34-35 MSG*

Parable of the Good Sam *Luke 10:33-34*

- He cared
- He gave his time
- He touched
- He was active and sacrificial

I Adapt Me To Them

"I become **all things** to all people, that I may save some of them by whatever means are possible." *1 Corinthians 9:22 GNT*

- Vulnerability
- Transparency
- Covenantal

I Invite People To Tell Their Story

- Most stories are problem saturated, the Bible is solution focused

"Do you want to get well?" *John 5:6 GNT*

"What do you want me to do for you?" *Luke 18:41 GNT*

- Heard, Accepted, Validated, Empathized with

I Invite People To Change

1. Two questions we ask in Small Group: @ *Pentecost*

- "What does this mean?" *Acts 2:12 GNT*

- "What shall we do?" *Acts 2:37 GNT*

2. We lead people to ...

- Confession
- Repentance
- Commitment
- Refocusing their future on Christ