



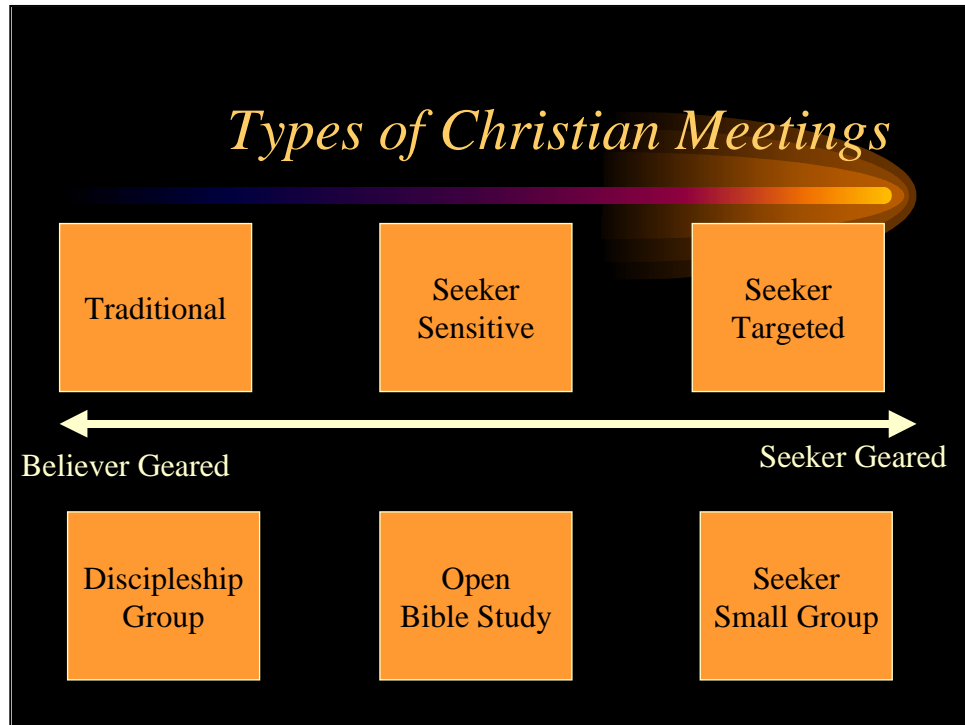
SEEKER SMALL
GROUPS

Unleashing the Power of Community to Reach the Lost

By Mark Ashton

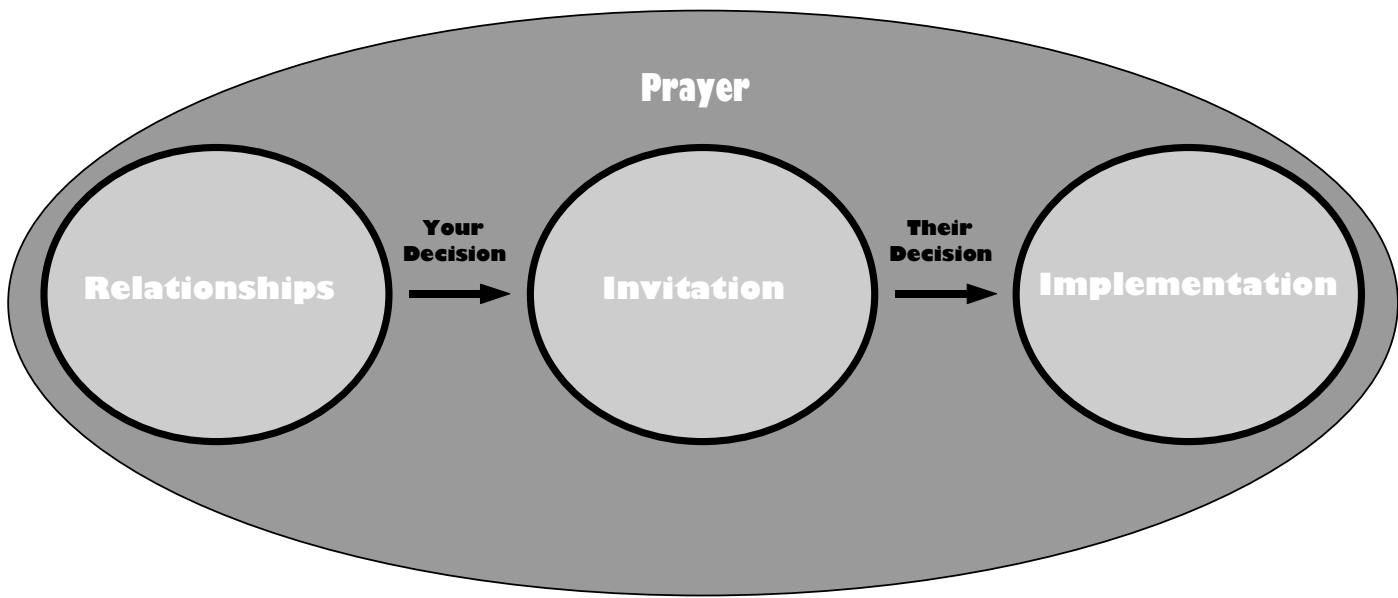
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Introducing Seeker Small Groups



Characteristics of a Seeker Group

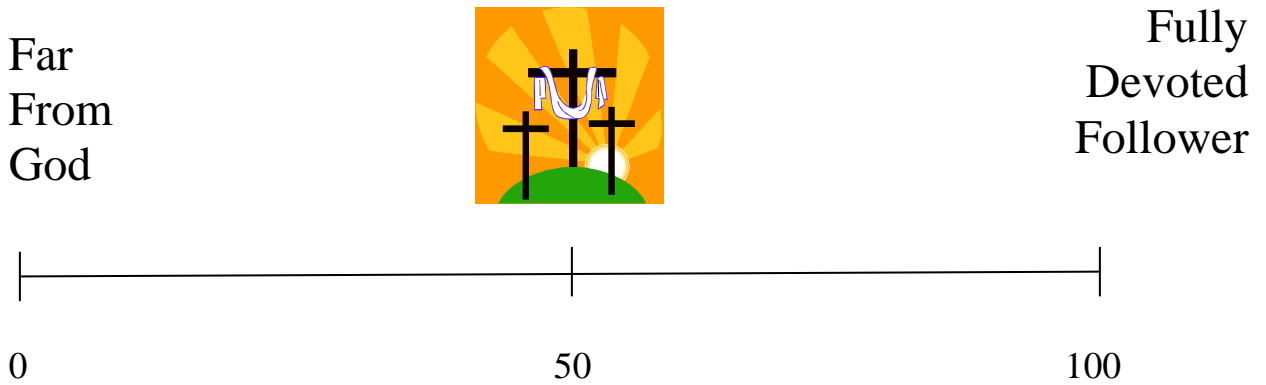
- _____ Targeted
- _____ Oriented
- Extension of your own _____



The 10 Irrefutable Laws of Seeker Groups

1) The Law of Self-Discovery

2) The Law of Process



3) The Law of Community

4) The Law of Low-pressure

5) The Law of Adaptability

6) The Law of Connection

7) The Law of Ice-Breakers

8) The Law of Good Materials

Apologetics Series: Tough Questions by Garry Poole and Judson Poling

Reality Check Series: by Mark Ashton

When Tragedy Strikes

Clear Evidence

Sudden Impact

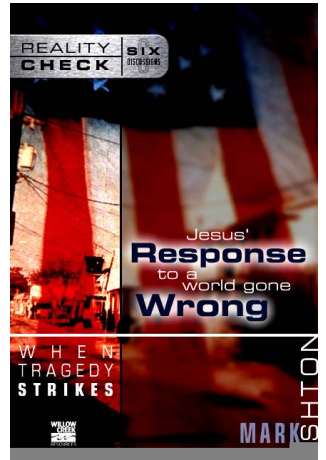
Future Shock

Jesus Greatest Moments

Hot Issues

Leadership Jesus Style

Winning at Life



9) The Law of Questions

10) The Law of Relationship

Launching a Seeker Group Ministry!

1) Do a group yourself

- Pray
- Invite
- Have a great discussion!

2) Mentor a few

3) Train and vision cast broadly

Resource Recommendations

Curriculum

- Reality Check Series by Mark Ashton – Zondervan
 - When Tragedy Strikes
 - Leadership Jesus Style
 - Hot Issues
 - Future Shock
 - Jesus Greatest Moments
 - Sudden Impact
 - Winning at Life
 - Clear Evidence
- Tough Questions Series by Garry Poole – Zondervan
- The Case for Christ – Lee Strobel, Zondervan
- The Jesus I Never Knew video curriculum by Phillip Yancey
- Neighborhood Bible Study guides (see website)
- Jesus the Reason by Jim Sire – IVP
- Meeting Jesus by Leighton Ford – IVP

Websites

www.realitycheckcentral.org - Free Resources on seeker groups, email tips on leading, references for the best of cutting edge seeker group materials. Leadership resources and guides for purchase. Created by Mark Ashton of Willow Creek Community Church.

www.seekerministries.com - Created by Garry Poole of Willow Creek, seekerministries.com offers great stories, motivation and resources for seeker groups.

www.gospelcom.net/stonecroft - Stonecroft has a great history of reaching women through 'Friendship Bible Coffees' and medium-sized events. Many of their resources can be found on their website under "Bible Studies".

www.neighborhoodbiblestudy.org is a website by Neighborhood Bible Studies, a ministry to reach seekers in Neighborhoods that has been around 40 years. Tips for leading studies and lots of guides available.

www.textweek.com/movies/titleindex.htm This website is a stroke of genius! It makes the bridge between current movies and spiritual themes. Great for icebreakers, openers and illustrations for your group times.

www.gospelcom.net/iv/biblestu/index.html Check out the InterVarsity website for seeker studies and movie/bible studies designed by InterVarsity staff

Ice Breaker Books

201 Great Questions – Jerry Jones
The Book of Questions – Gregory Stock
Ice-Breaker and Heart Warmers – Steve Sheely
Jump Starts and Soft Landings – Steve Sheely
Small Group Leader’s Idea Book - IVP

Apologetics Resources

Beginner level

- Give Me an Answer by Cliffe Knechtle - IVP
- Know Why You Believe by Paul Little - IVP
- The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel - Zondervan
- Letters from a Skeptic by Gregory Boyd
- More than a Carpenter by Josh McDowell – Here’s Life
- Socrates Meets Jesus by Peter Kreeft - IVP

Intermediate level

- Scaling the Secular City by J.P. Moreland
- Reasonable Faith By William Lane Craig – Crossway Books
- Hard Sayings of the Bible – IVP
- Handbook of Bible Difficulties by Gleason Archer

Other Great Books

- The Journey Bible
- Introducing Jesus by Peter Scazerro – IVP
- Jesus the Radical by RT France - IVP-UK,
- Who is this Jesus? By Michael Green – Nelson,
- Jesus With Dirty Feet by Don Everts - IVP
- The Jesus I Never Knew by Phillip Yancey.

Willow Creek Seeds Tapes Resources

- Launching Seeker Small Groups by Mark Ashton – 2000 Leadership Summit Workshop
- Unexpected Adventure Evangelism Series – Strobel, Mittelburg, Poole