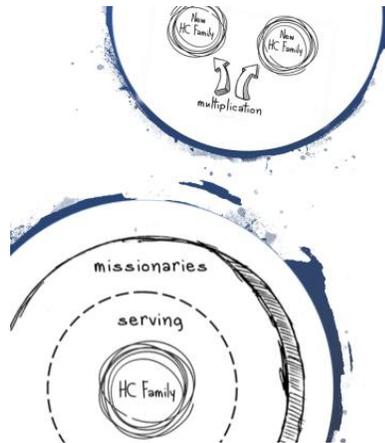


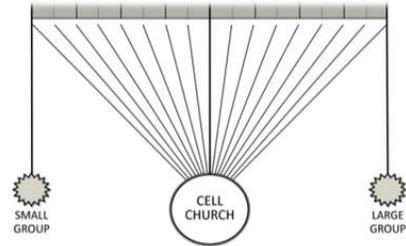
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- Covid-19 and Church
- What is “church”?



Q: What is a “cell-church”?



- A word the LORD laid on my heart in summer 2019: **FREEDOM**

BI: FREEDOM in a church of small groups, Cell-Ministry Version 2.0

1. Freedom in Christ (Gal. 5:1a)
2. We must “stand firm” in this freedom (Gal. 5:1b; Hebrews 10:23)
3. Free association with like-minded people on mission (Acts 2:42)
4. This is Cell-Ministry Version 2.0 (Acts 2:42-47)

Our leadership goal for this fall:

- A. Define your HC – an HC is a family of servant missionaries – focus as a group on *one of three:
 - ❖ Family (closed group)
 - ❖ Serving (the community)
 - ❖ Mission (evangelistic group)
- B. Developing another type of “cell” group – “Life Groups”
 - ❖ Edification Life Group
 - ❖ Evangelism Life Group

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Defining your Home Community (HC)

What is a Home Community? HCs are small groups based on Acts 2:42-47. Early Christians devoted themselves to the *New Testament, sharing, a meal, and prayer*. HCs are like mini-churches as they meet weekly for mutual **Edification** and live missionally through outreach and **Evangelism**. More than a Bible study, HCs practice **EVERYDAY** community by being *family* to one another and *servicing* each other during the week (Acts 2:43-47). HC leaders are like shepherds helping individuals use their spiritual gifts to serve their HC, the larger body, and reach people for Christ. At the center is the Gospel, out of which flows our Gospel Identity.

What is the Gospel? It is good news for the world. It is the power of God for salvation, by faith in the person & work of Jesus, God's Son, who was crucified on the cross for the sin of the world, and raised from the dead to demonstrate He is Christ and Lord!

What is Gospel Identity? By confessing "Jesus is Lord" and belief that God raised Him from the dead, I am forgiven, saved and given a new identity in Christ – I become an heir to God's Kingdom! I am now a child of God (*family*), called to serve King Jesus (*servant*), and sent in the power of the Spirit (*missionary*) to fulfill Christ's commission to evangelistically make disciples, which flows out of my Gospel identity.

How will we live out our Gospel Identity in our HC? As our Pastor preached, our goal as the leadership team this fall is to help you develop a workable plan, together, by focusing as an HC on one of three aspects of your Gospel Identity: being *family*, being *servants*, or living *missionally*. Please pick one of 3 categories below and plan your focus for this fall. If you choose family, you will be a closed group. If living missionally, then an open group. Please have your HC lead communicate with your HC coach your defined plan for the fall of 2020.

Family – How can we build a family environment like Christ did with His disciples? (grow as *family*)

1. What does family look like / act like, at its best? What does God's family look like / act like, at its best? What are some ways we'd like to grow as a family?
2. What does it mean to be a safe place? How can we love one another by providing a soft place to fall?
3. How can we get to know one another's stories better?
4. How can we pray more effectively for each other?

Servants – How can we serve our community, like Jesus did with His disciples? (grow as *servants*)

1. What does a group where people really serve one another look like?
2. How can we better engage our spiritual gifts to serve one another, including the people on the margins?
3. How is God calling us to reach outside our group to serve the larger body of Christ – Grace Church as a whole, or other churches in West Seattle?
4. What project or event would fulfill a sense of call that we have as a group?

Missionary – How can we reach outside ourselves, like Jesus did with His disciples? (to grow as *missionaries*)

1. What's the connection between God's love for the world (John 3:16) and our identity as a group?
2. How do we believe God wants us to step out on mission together? How can we leverage the gifts & abilities of people in our group to show the love of Christ?
3. What part should prayer have in our efforts to share the good news?
4. What dynamics of our group need to change so new people will feel warmly welcomed & included?

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