

## **BASE-PATH of Discipleship**

This diagram below of a baseball diamond shows how Home Fellowship Groups help believers in Jesus Christ grow in their faith. The Base Path of Discipleship that is part of the Home Fellowship Group Leadership Track.

How does this work? Imagine you are at a baseball game, and you are up to bat. Getting saved is like hitting the ball. On the way to first base, you would receive water baptism. First base is the booklet, Christianity 101 and so on. The steps are explained in detail below.



Salvation- bringing the lost to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

*Christianity 101*-Done 1:1 by the person that led you to Christ. Begins immediately after salvation. Try to do at least the first lesson. right away. Before you leave, arrange a time for Lesson 2. Don't put this off. Do it as soon as possible after salvation. It is the spiritual equivalent of a newborn baby needing its first meal. Topics include:

- 1. Reviewing the decision to receive Christ
- 2. Water Baptism-what it means and how to receive it
- 3. Basics of Christian Life: Word, Prayer, Fellowship etc.
- 4. Baptism in the Holy Spirit-what it means and how to receive it
- 5. Cell Group ministry-why we do this and an invitation to join
- 6. Sharing the Good News-how to witness to others about Jesus Christ

**Encounter Retreat**-happens sometime within the first couple of months after salvation. It is intended to be an overnight experience and works best this way when there is a large group of 15 to 20 persons. If there are less than five candidates, it could be done over a couple of afternoons. It is recommended that guys work with guys and girls with girls in small groups. This is an intimate time of ministry that is designed to help the new believer be set free of bondages. There is a specific program that needs to be followed. At the end of the Encounter Retreat, the new believers enroll in Discipleship 201.

**Discipleship 201** is a regular class that can be conducted one hour prior to the Home Fellowship Group meeting each week for 12 weeks. It focuses on teaching how to grow in Christ and become strong in Him. It is required for all new believers before they will be eligible for Leadership 301. Topics include:

- 1. Laying the foundation for a victorious Christian life.
- 2. Learning to pray effectively
- 3. Growing in Christ by reading the Word.
- 4. Walking in Faith
- 5. Overcoming the devil
- 6. Releasing hurts and forgiving others
- 7. Living a Jesus lifestyle by serving others

## **Discipleship 201 (cont)**

- 8. Committing to the local church
- 9. Walking in God's provision
- 10. Being right before a holy God
- 11. Living right before a holy God
- 12. Knowing what we believe.

Discovery Seminar- a weekend day event that takes people through the DISC personality and spiritual gifts inventory.

*Leadership 301*- we will be going through this series after the Discovery Seminar. It also is a 12-week class and will be held either before or after the regular Home Fellowship Group meeting. Topics include:

- 1. Establishing core values
- 2. Developing a winning attitude
- 3. Following the leadership style of Jesus
- 4. Managing your time
- 5. Learning to communicate effectively
- 6. Ministering to the needs of others
- 7. Handling conflicts in the cell group
- 8. Laying a Biblical foundation for cell ministry
- 9. Leading a cell meeting
- 10. Building your cell group between the meetings
- 11. Mentoring others through the "Principal of Twelve"
- 12. Understanding the Four Key Principals of Ministry

*Champion's Retreat*- essentially a commissioning service for those who have completed the leadership classes and have been called by God into cell group ministry.

*Cell Leadership*-At this point, you will either be leading your own group or released to start one, although our core group of leaders will continue to meet for fellowship and on-going support and accountability.

At the same time that you are learning to grow in your faith through the Base-Path of Discipleship, you will also be learning to lead a cell meeting. Your Cell leader will help you by providing a pre-written lesson and guidelines and tips for leading as you go. This will help prepare you for the time when you are leading your own cell group. Cell meetings are different from the Base-Path of Discipleship. They happen every week for about an hour, usually before (or after) the Discipleship class.

Cell meetings focus on fellowship, breaking bread, learning, worship and prayer, and help you grow in your relationships with other believers. (Acts 2:42-47)



Have fun !!

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