

Evangel Life Center Future of Discipleship

Jesus changed the WORLD through a group of 12 men! Usually when a strong leader is removed from a situation, there is a loss of momentum and vision, but when Jesus was taken to heaven - His disciples made His Kingdom-vision come ALIVE in a dying world.

While membership in a cell is not required of anyone who attends Life Center, it is the BEST WAY for those coming into this fellowship to receive ministry - and everyone needs ministry! If you want your life to be established in right-living with accountability, comfort and encouragement on an ongoing basis, then cells are for you. Jesus said to “go and make disciples.”

Matthew 28 19 “Go therefore and make disciples ... 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Cells are the model for discipleship that we are endeavoring to emulate at Life Center - strong, truth-based, long term relationships that honor and glorify God and who will make disciples that will continue to bear “lasting fruit” (souls saved and serving God) who will raise up more disciples.

John 15:8 “By this is My Father glorified, that **you bear much fruit**, and **so prove** to be My disciples.”

We don't call them “small groups” or “home fellowship groups” or “affinity groups”, because the purpose of a cell is to multiply and reproduce. Our cells exist to intentionally reproduce Godly men and women of character and to purposefully and personally spread the Gospel and win others to Christ outside of the traditional church setting. Our Journey and Discovery Series provide excellent training for those who would like to become cell leaders.

John 15:5 “**I am the vine**, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, **he bears much fruit**; for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

Some of the distinctives of Life Center Cell Groups include:

- * Constant connection to the “Vine” (Jesus) - the life, teaching and vision of “this house” are reflected in the teaching and the lives of the cell leaders;
- * Groups are not assigned, but are generally at the invitation of the individual cell leaders;
- * We are flexible, realizing life has seasons and life has changes. We are here to help, not make life more complicated and “religious”;
- * Weekly cell meetings last (on average) one hour, but participants can stay for fellowship, prayer, or more interaction as needed;
- * Cell groups are men-with-men and women-with-women to promote openness and transparency;
- * Cell leaders are deeply committed to the long-term spiritual health, family unity, and all life aspects of those to whom they minister and count in a privilege to serve God by serving His people in truth and spiritual integrity.

There are many ways and many models to promote discipleship and we are in favor of whatever works in local churches! Come join us in the effective ministry of cells as we fulfill our mission at Evangel Life Center.