

The Small Group Should Provide a Variety of Functions

1. Pastoral Care
 - Even in the large, growing church people can be cared for, encouraged and supported on a personal level.
2. Practical Support
 - Practical help in times of difficulty (meals, transport, home help)
3. Hospitality
 - The Small Groups creates opportunities for people to show hospitality to others.
 - There is an area where some experience growth and others gain fulfilment from using their gift of hospitality
4. Small Group social events
 - Creates opportunities within the church for people to be part of social events with a God focus
 - Creates an environment where unbelievers can begin to be part of the faith community.
5. Spiritual Growth
 - Facilitated open discussion which allows people to process thoughts, challenges and experiences and get Godly perspective from those around them.
6. Prayer
 - Honest, personal prayer sessions
 - Praying for pastors and leaders
7. Praise
 - Sharing encouraging experiences of God's work in the lives of group members.
8. Worship
 - Worship takes many forms and Small Groups can create a worship experience through worship music, praise and prayer.
9. Communion
10. Evangelism
 - Building relationships and inviting people to experience God through Small Groups.
11. Experiencing the vision of the church through personal discussion
 - Our Small groups should be advocates for the church.
 - Our Small Groups should be constantly promoting church events, new initiatives like Christian Education, building projects etc.
12. Preparing people for works of service
 - Finding out what each person's spiritual gifts are and helping them find the right area to serve within the Small Group.