

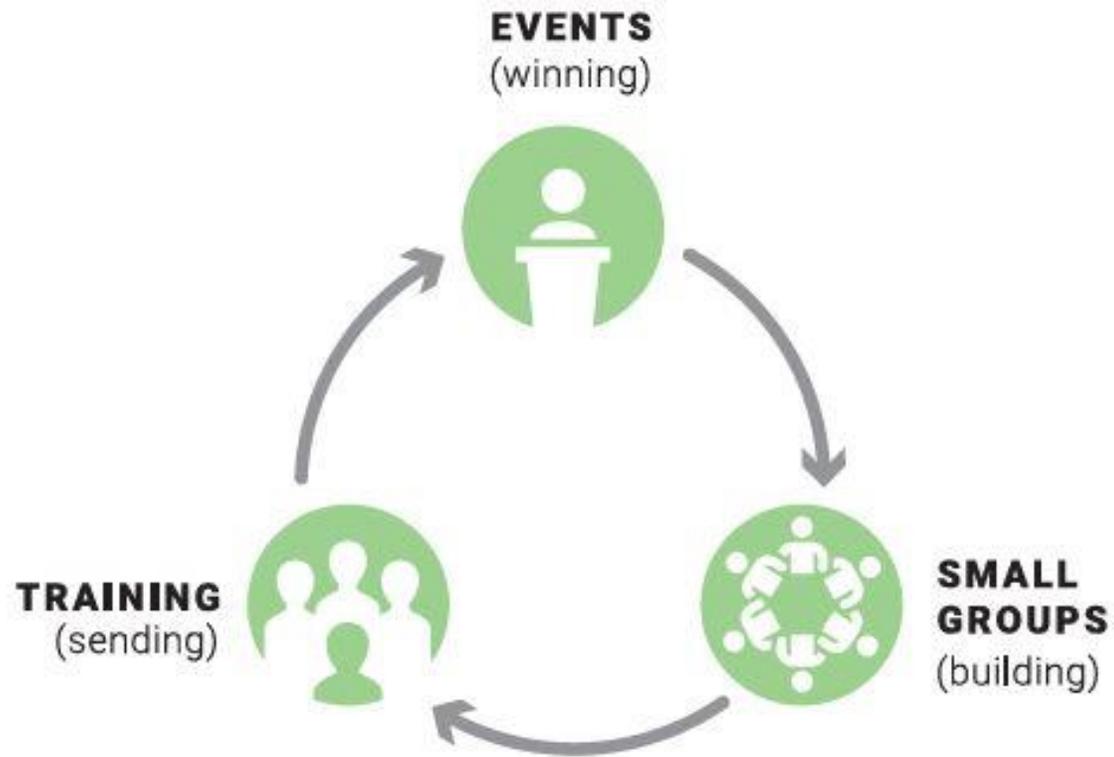


SMALL-GROUP

Training

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Introduction



Although winning, building, or sending can occur in any of the activities, the diagram shows the most common.

FamilyLife® Local Core Strategy

Events (Winning)

Small Groups (Building)

Training (Sending)

A Warning about Duplicity



Sometimes groups feign a felt need as a pretext to sharing the gospel. For FamilyLife small groups to work for outreach and evangelism, the leaders must not only care about sharing the gospel, but also care about the health of participants' marriages. If couples sense duplicity, they will not be receptive to the claims of Christ. But when a couple experiences changed lives through principles taught in the Bible, they'll be eager to hear about Jesus.

Small Groups → Permanent Life Change

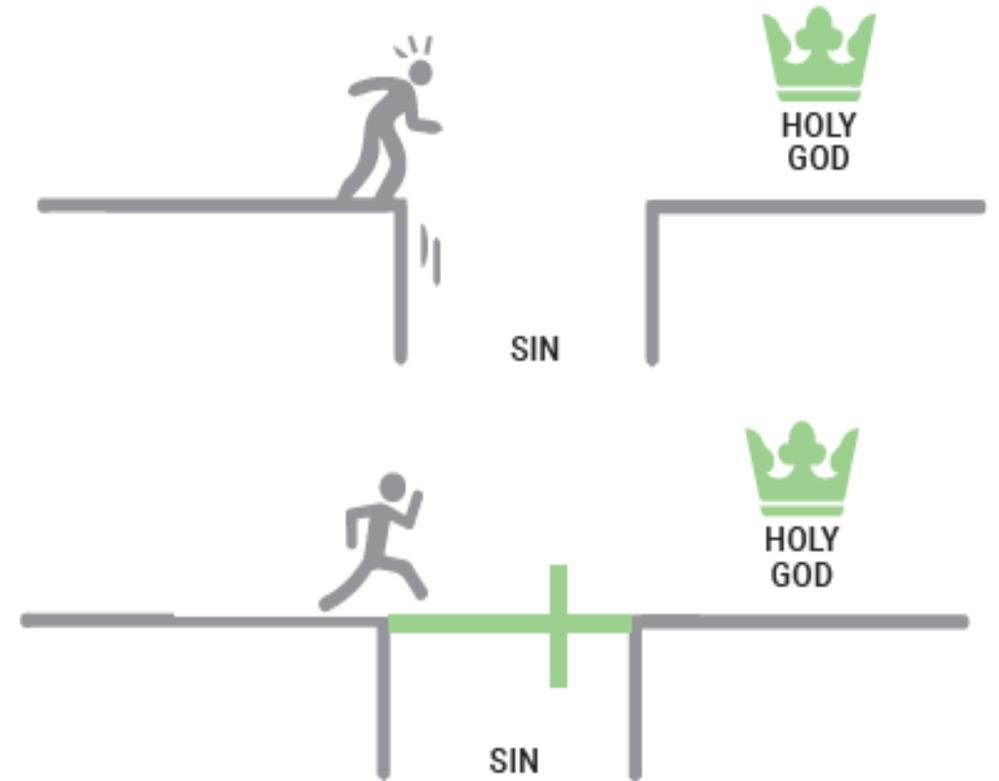
“You make an impression on people from a distance. You make an impact on people when you get up close.” (Dr. Howard Hendricks)

Putting all a couple hears at a major event into practice can be like trying to swallow an elephant. BUT small-group studies are like cutting the elephant up into bite-sized pieces.

“The Weekend to Remember creates a desire to change. Small groups make that desire a reality.” (Jerry Wunder)

Using FamilyLife Small Groups for Outreach

- As important as a good marriage is, it isn't as important as having a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Effective evangelism in small groups requires more preparation and a non-religious approach.



YOU Can Make a Difference as a Couple

Your Marriage, Your Church, Your Community

- Working as a Couple Team
- Allowing Differences to Make You Stronger as a Team
- Taking Your Relationship with God, and Your Marriage, to a Higher Level

Starting a FamilyLife Small Group



HomeBuilders® / AOM Connect Series / Couples Studies

- More than 2.5 million distributed
- 20 different topics
- 47 languages



Minimal-Commitment (Exposure) Events are Effective to Start New Groups

- Cookout (backyard, park, lake)
- Christmas cookie exchange
- Luncheon with a testimony
- Super Bowl party
- Easter egg hunt
- Volleyball or other sports activity
- Home dessert with a testimony
- Catered dinner with speaker
- Neighborhood project
- Dinner party with testimony
- Valentine party or banquet
- Short marriage or parenting seminar



Couples Relationship Seminar

A FamilyLife Resource

- Endorsed by Dennis Rainey
- Approved by FamilyLife's Content Team
- Designed to be non-threatening and attract non-Christians
- Perfect for Exposure Events
- Easy to Deliver
- Speaking notes and jokes provided
- Designed for "Joe" – 50%



Training for Trainers

Training Module

FamilyLife's *Speaker Training* can help you to conduct training more effectively **AND** be equipped to conduct non-WTR exposure events.



Leading Outreach Small Groups

Lead a small group with non-Christians in the same manner as a regular group, with special attention to the following tips.

- a) **Be patient**
- b) **Protect**
- c) **Create a non-threatening environment**

Leading Outreach Small Groups (cont)

- d) **Don't teach**
- e) **Have fun!**
- f) **Be flexible**
- g) **Respect privacy**

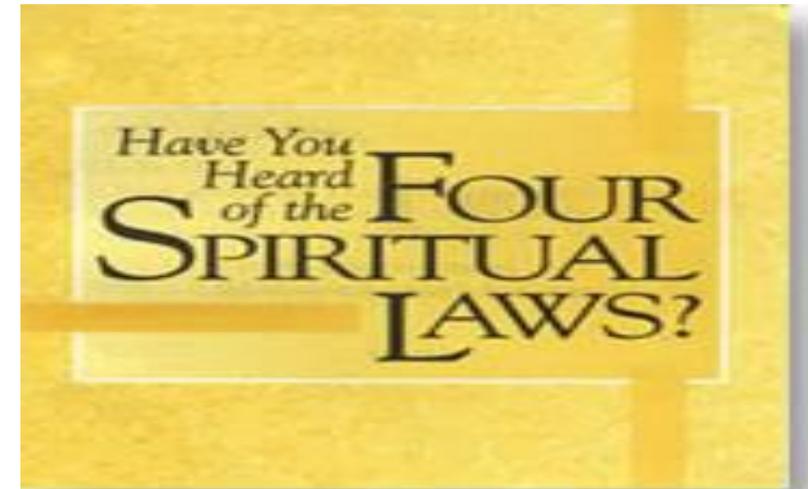
Leading Outreach Small Groups (cont)

- h) Start and end on time**
- i) Work together as a team**
- j) Don't accidentally embarrass anyone**
- k) Don't force people to talk**

What is the Gospel We Seek to Share ?

There are many methods of sharing about Jesus, his death and resurrection, and salvation through faith in Him. A succinct summary of the essentials a person needs to know to receive forgiveness of sin can be found in *The Four Spiritual Laws*. An online adaptation called “*Would You Like to Know God Personally?*” is available at cru.org.

There are many other good things a Christian can or should do. But we believe these are the essentials for a saving relationship with God. Because a person’s relationship with God is the most important aspect of life, we believe in trying to remove any non-essential obstacles to a person receiving Christ as Savior and Lord.



Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Participating in a group will start to create an interest in spiritual things for those who get involved. Making scriptural applications will open their receptivity to the claims of Christ. It is critical that they clearly understand what the claims of Christ are. There are four basic ways to share the gospel:

1. At the beginning of a session. Many of the studies have a gospel message in an appendix.
2. A private appointment.
3. Personal testimony.
4. Invite them to a FamilyLife event at which the gospel will be shared.

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