



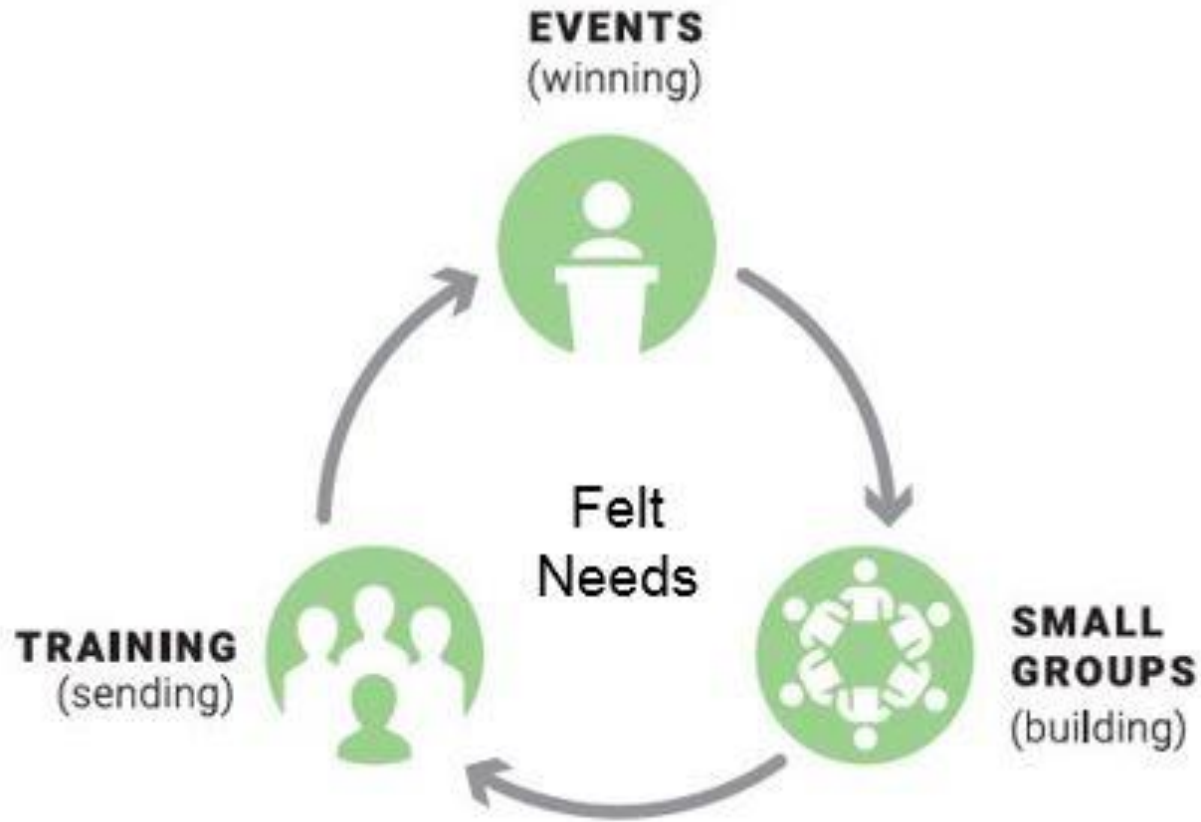
SMALL-GROUP

Training

*A deeper discussion on hosting small groups
for the express purpose of sharing the Gospel*



FamilyLife[®] Local Core Strategy



Events (Winning)

**Small Groups
(Building)**

Training (Sending)

Why Think Evangelistically about Small Groups?

- **People need Jesus**
- **FamilyLife's small groups can**
 - **build credibility for Scripture**
 - **prepare hearts**
 - **share the Gospel**

*“For the Son of Man
came to seek and
save the lost.”*

Jesus

“Joe” & “Sally”



Christians in Outreach Groups

Christians can be included in outreach groups.

- Christians have marriage needs too.
- They are likely to share biblical applications.
- They may learn how to reach non-Christians by your example





WARNING

Be real about your marriage.

Don't fabricate or embellish.

People can spot a faker.

Don't prejudge your invitation.

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)

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

HOW and WHY This Module is Different From FamilyLife's Other Small-Group Training Sessions

- Learn to use minimal-commitment events to interest non-Christians or unchurched couples.
- Identify several ways to use small groups for outreach.
- Learn tips for leading outreach groups.
- Discuss a clear and organized way to share the gospel.

Assumptions

- You've gone through one of FamilyLife's Small Group Training.
- You've successfully led FamilyLife's small groups before and understand the discussion format.

The Process



Minimal-Commitment (*Exposure*) Events

- 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
- Dinner party with testimony
- Valentine party or banquet
- Short marriage or parenting seminar
- Parenting talk at a community center
- Book club
- Dart/pool league
- Fishing/hunting weekend
- Houseboat party

Hmmmm ... what else could I/we do???

Couples Relationship Seminar

A FamilyLife Resource

- Approved by FamilyLife's content team and executive leadership
- Designed to be non-threatening and attract non-Christians
- Perfect for Exposure Events
- Easy to deliver
- Speaking notes and jokes provided
- Designed for "Joe"



Training for Trainers

Training Module

FamilyLife's *Speaker Training* can help you to train 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**

Remember ...

- **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.**

Sharing the Gospel

You can share the gospel several different ways:

- 1. Many of the studies have an explanation of the gospel in the appendix or part of the study questions.**
- 2. Give your personal testimony within the discussion context.**
- 3. Set up a private appointment with a couple.**
- 4. Invite the participants to an event where the Gospel will be shared**

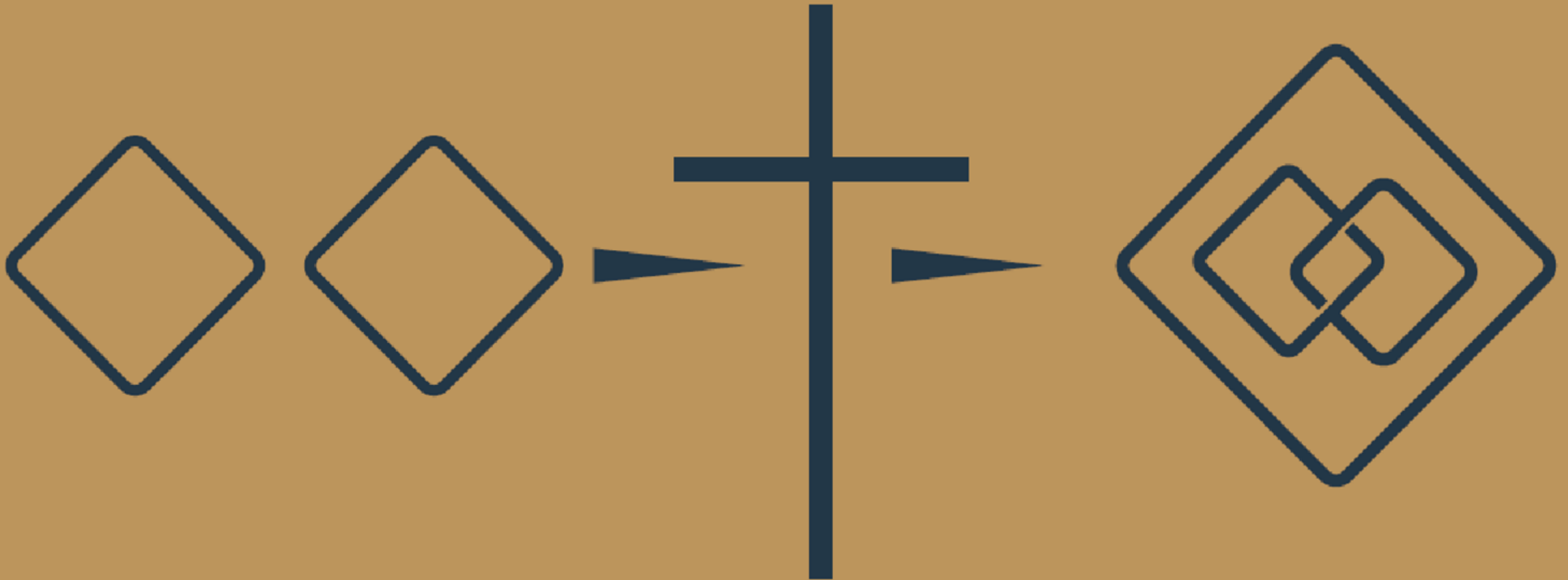
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“a digital tool for a digital crowd”



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Your Marriage can Present the Gospel



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**Trust God
for Miracles**