



A Cell Group IS...

...A New Testament form of church life. Practical Christian living is fulfilled through prayer, discipleship, leadership development, worship, spiritual gifts, edification & friendship evangelism, just as we see in the book of Acts!

...the Basic Building Block of the church with a community of 6-14 people, meeting weekly "house to house." Cell members comprise the church membership at Riverside Community.

...Indwelt & Empowered by Christ to edify the Body of Christ.

...Focused on prayer as central to its life and effectiveness.

...Committed to the Bible being the sole guide of authority for life, faith & experience.

...the Channel for receiving pastoral care through Cell Leaders and Interns, as they oversee the spiritual nurturing of each Cell Member.

...the Doorway of release for each member's spiritual gift into corporate body ministry .

We live in covenant concerning:

Grace Affirmation
Openness
Sensitivity
Confidentiality
Time Regularity



Honesty
Prayer
Availability
Accountability
Outreach

5 E's of a Cell Group

EVERY MEMBER MINISTRY
MINISTRY BY ALL!



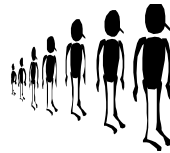
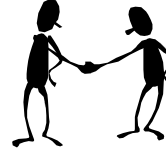
EDIFICATION
BUILDING UP THE
BODY OF CHRIST



EVANGELISM
REACHING THE LOST



EQUIPPING
BASIC
DISCIPLESHIP



EMPOWERING
LEADERSHIP
RAISING UP
NEW LEADERS

Are You Ready for Real New Testament Living?!

"And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching & to fellowship, to the breaking of bread & to prayer. And everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders & signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together, and had all things common; & they began selling their property & possessions, & were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. And day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, & from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness & sincerity of heart, praising God, & having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved." Acts 2:42-47

CELL – AN ENCOUNTER, NEVER A MEETING!

EVERY TIME WE COME TOGETHER WE EXPECT TO ENCOUNTER CHRIST IN 3 WAYS!

ENCOUNTER HIS LIVING PRESENCE
What is unique about this gathering?

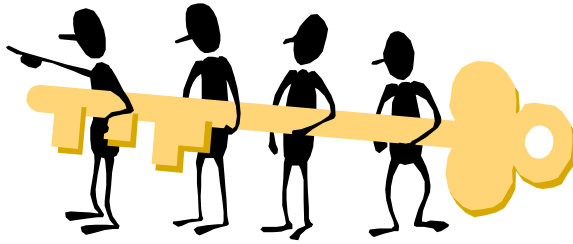
During Worship we acknowledge & welcome His manifest Presence. Jesus is present just as He promised! "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there I am in their midst."

ENCOUNTER HIS EDIFYING POWER
What work of power does Christ wish to do in my life right now ?

The Christ in me ministers to you even as the Christ in you edifies me. Jesus does His work in our lives that we can not do for ourselves or for each other. It is not what I want to happen in my life. It is not what I want to happen in someone else's life. Nor is it what He did in my life in the past or will do in the future. It is what HE wants to do in my life RIGHT NOW that is important. He sets the agenda!

ENCOUNTER HIS
MINISTERING PURPOSE
What does He want to do through me this week to minister to others?

What specific ministry does Jesus want to do through you as His special instrument during the week to touch the hurts, needs, & tears of those who do not know Him? As we leave the cell, we go forth into our places of business, schools & families, carrying the Presence of Jesus. As He touches them through us, then they, too, may be brought into His family.



CELL GROUND RULES

We gather as a cell for about two hours weekly followed by additional time for fellowship.

We share equally in the ownership of the cell. Therefore, we all participate in prayer, hosting, worship, ministry, outreach and discipleship.

When speaking, we will address the group and not just the leader. Sharing will follow the general rules of brevity, appropriateness and courtesy. No one will dominate the sharing.

We also meet weekly outside of the cell with a fellow Partner for accountability and discipleship.

We get together face to face or by phone for prayer, ministry, fellowship, fun and meals as often as possible.

This is a group that focuses on our relationship to Christ, not a group that completes some task or performance for Christ.

We are networked together as a cell in both prayer and relationships, our goal being to reach at least two lost friends every 6-8 months.

The cells regularly multiply in order to reach out to more people! Two to four new leaders will be identified in every cell to be trained as the next interns.

HOW CAN I JOIN A CELL?

New Believers are immediately placed in a cell for their discipleship & care. Please tell us if you have recently given your life to Jesus!

Everyone who has been a Christian for a year or longer are required to attend Bootcamp prior to finalizing their decision to become part of a cell.

The 12 weeks of Bootcamp are an orientation time for Christians to better understand the "whats", "whys", and "hows" of cell life.

The 12 weeks cover the following topics:

- Investigating a Cell Group**
- Relating to the Father**
- Relating to Each Other**
- A Family: Sharing Without Fear**
- Koinonia Fellowshiping 7 Days a Wk**
- Equipped & Networked into His Body**
- Encountering His Power thru His Gifts**
- Encountering His Edifying Power**
- Encountering His Living Presence**
- Encountering His Ministering Purpose**
- Investigating a Cell Church**
- Becoming Part of a Cell**

When you complete Bootcamp, you will be given a chance to decide if it is your desire to become part of a cell.

Placement in a cell will be based upon your choice of a particular cell and space availability within the cell. (No cell will exceed 12 Christians or 14 total members.)

If there is no immediate room in a cell, then placement will be made as soon as possible on a first-come first-serve basis.

For additional information, please contact the Cell Director Twyla Brickman 973-566-0394

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH



WHAT IS A CELL GROUP?

