## **Purpose of Cell Groups**

The 2-fold purpose of a cell is:

- Discipling: To spur one another to grow in faith and in following Christ.
- Evangelism: To reach new lives for Jesus.

As a cell disciples and evangelizes, it helps cell members to grow in ministering to others.

#### **Biblical Basis for A Cell-Based Church**

- Jesus used a small group strategy Mark 3:14 15
- The Early Church met in small groups Acts 2:46-47, Acts 5:42, Romans 16:3.
- The small group is the building block of the New Testament Church.

No one has all the gifts., so we need one another. - both to grow ourselves and to be His witnesses in the world.

The cell is there to surround you with prayer, keep you accountable in following Christ, and be a support to you during difficult and trying times. In addition, your cell group is the best place to help you to discover your spiritual gifts, and teach you how to practically minister to people using those gifts

## Types of Cell Groups at SJSM

- Ladies (LD)
- Mature Adults (MA)
- Young Families (YF)
- Young Working Adults (YA)
- Mixed Adults (Singles & Families) (MX)
- Youth Groups (please check with Youth Ministry)
- You may choose the type of group that most fits your personality, interests or needs

#### What is a Cell Group?

A cell-group is a group of about twelve believers who come together once a week in a designated meeting place, to encourage one another in faith, prayer, understanding Biblical principles, and evangelizing others.

#### **Getting Involved**

YOU can be a part of the Cell-Group Ministry at SJSM. YOU can learn how to practically apply God's Word to your life, develop right relationships with other believers who will share your joy as you grow spiritually and become equipped for evangelism and the work of the ministry.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q. Why should I be in a cell group?

A. There are many reasons. To be in meaningful relationships where you are able to give of yourself and receive the fellowship and care that we all need. To receive Pastoral care in times of need and, to have fellowship and laughter with people who care about you.

## Q. Will I be called on to talk or to pray?

A. There is no pressure applied to persons who are not yet ready to pray or share before the group. However as you find your place in the group, it is hoped that you will feel the liberty to pray and share.

## Q. How long does the group meeting last?

A. Most groups attempt to keep the meetings to 2 hours, mindful of work and family responsibilities.

## Q. Should I bring my children?

A. There are many groups with young families that cater to kids being part of the cell. Some have a separate program or have a slightly different meeting structure to accommodate parents with children.

#### Q. Is it a "Bible Study"?

A. Yes and No. While there is always teaching from the Word, the group focuses more on discussion and application of the Word rather than expository studies on a passage. There may be seasons where the group may focus on Bible studies, however.

#### Q. What other things are done in the meetings?

A. Meetings are informal and usually begin with worship. Aside from also the "Word Time", there is time for people who want to, to share their needs and concerns and then receive prayer if they want. Most meetings end off with some refreshments and mingling before everyone leaves.

## Q. How do I know which group to be in?

A. We can help you find a group if you if you are unable to choose one on your own.

#### The Structure of Cell Ministry to the Cells

HOD: Rev Martin Jungnickel Deputy HOD: Mrs Laura Chan

#### **Cell Pastors:**

Alice Priscilla Ps Daniel Kok Chee Chun Richard Lau Allen Lim Gerry & Pei Chi Ong Laura Chan Simon Devaraj Ps Andrew Harpal Singh Ling Kay Bin Stanley Tay Audrey Teo Ho Sum Lim Low Kee Hwa Steve Loh Calvin Yeo John Lim Ps Martin Thomas Lim Choo Kok Weng Julia Loy Mok Kim Terng

#### **Assistant Cell Pastors:**

Alfred Chan, Foo Suan Jong, Lee Soon Jin & Phoon Chee Meng

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# CELL GROUP SIGN-UP FORM

Please return completed form to info desk.. The cell administrator will get in touch with you. Thank you.



Dr/ Mr/ Mrs/ Miss/ Mdm:
Address:
Tel: (H) (O)
(HP)
Email:
Age: □<18 □18-25 □26-35 □36-45 □46-55 □>55
Occupation:
Occupation.
Marital Status: ☐ single ☐ married ☐ others:
If you have children, please specify age group (s):  ☐ 1-5 ☐ 6-12 ☐ 13-21 ☐>21
Are you a Christian ? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
How long have you been attending SJSM?
Meeting Date/Time preference:  ☐ Weekday night ☐ Weekend ☐ Day group ☐ Other:
Group type:  ☐ Ladies (LD) ☐ Mature Adults (MA) ☐ Young Families (YF) ☐ Young Working Adults (YA) ☐ Mixed Adults (Singles & Families) (MX)
Location:
□ Not Important
☐ Important: (State your location preference)