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1. Listening & doing
what God says



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Fruitfulness



Fruit that will last

John 15:16

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit - fruit that will last - and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you

SEEDS: sowing for growth



Learning to ...

Listen to God and do what he says

Lean into our key relationships

Live as growing extended families

Love both community & celebration

SEED 1. Listen & do



The heart of discipleship

James 1:22

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John 10:4

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

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James 1:23-24

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

1. RECOGNISE ...



The value of different gatherings

Mark 4:1

Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered round him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge.

(i) Celebration

1. RECOGNISE ...



The value of different gatherings

Mark 9:30-31

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was teaching his disciples.

(ii) Community

2. RESPOND ...



by helping communities focus on
application

Matthew 7:24

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock

SOAP

*What is God saying?
What am I going to do about it?*



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his people, and/or life?*

*What are the promises, principles,
commands or warnings?*

Application

*What is God saying TO ME and what AM
I going to do about it?*

*Who can I share with what I have
learnt before next week?*

Prayer

The Goal

- For everyone to hear God speak and decide what they are going to do about it
- To provide encouragement, accountability and prayer

Top tip

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- Give time for thanksgiving, sharing of needs and offers of help

Step into life

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3. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY...



for their own personal rhythm of
listening and doing

Psalm 1:2

but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.

3. TAKE P...

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4. BE REAL ...



and that requires other people

Colossians 3:16

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Are YOU IN a Group DOING THIS ?



- DON'T look for a new group
- THINK deep not wide
- ASK how can our group do this?
- REMEMBER you can lead it - easy!

