

# How to build a Successful Small Group

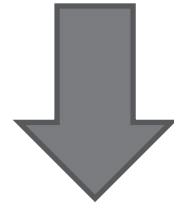
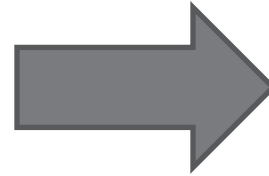


## 1 Corinthians 2:3–4 (NASB95)

<sup>3</sup>I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

### Evidence in Scripture (Hebrews 11:4-40)

- Noah – No one understands you
- Abraham – Character flaws
- Sarah - laughs
- Isaac – failed parenting
- Jacob – liar
- Joseph – discarded
- Moses – afraid to speak to crowds
- Rahab the harlot – tainted past



**FAITH**

## Genesis 2:18 (NASB95)

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be **alone**; I will make him **a helper** suitable for him.”

**Alone** = separate or isolated from others

**Helper** = *a person who contributes to the fulfillment of a need or furtherance of an effort or purpose*

**Ecology** = Biology that deals with the relations of organisms to one another and to their physical surroundings

Gospel  
(to plant)

The Word of God  
(Fertilizer)

Encourage  
(to Water)

Correct  
(to Prune)



# Discipleship

Engage

Equip

Encourage

Edify

# 3 STAGES OF A SMALL GROUP

## ☐ A RELATIONAL COMMUNITY

- NO JUDGEMENT ZONE/SHARE YOUR STORY
- THANKS FOR SHARING/EMPATHY
- ICE BREAKERS/HAVING FUN TOGETHER

## ☐ A LEARNING COMMUNITY

- DEVELOP QUESTIONS
- FOCUS ON DISCUSSION AND NOT TEACHING
- GET EVERYONE TALKING

## ☐ A MISSIONAL COMMUNITY

- GETTING OTHERS TO LEAD WITH YOU

# Small Group Statistics

SIGN UPS

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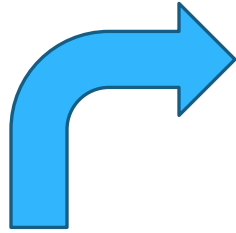
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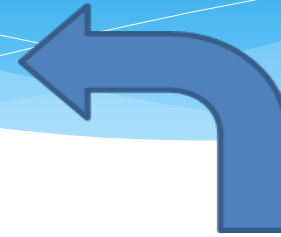
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**The Great Commission**



**“Teaching them to Observe”**



**Leader**

**Teacher**

**Facilitator**

**Shepherd**

**Friend**

**The Leader Hat – Set’s Vision & Direction**

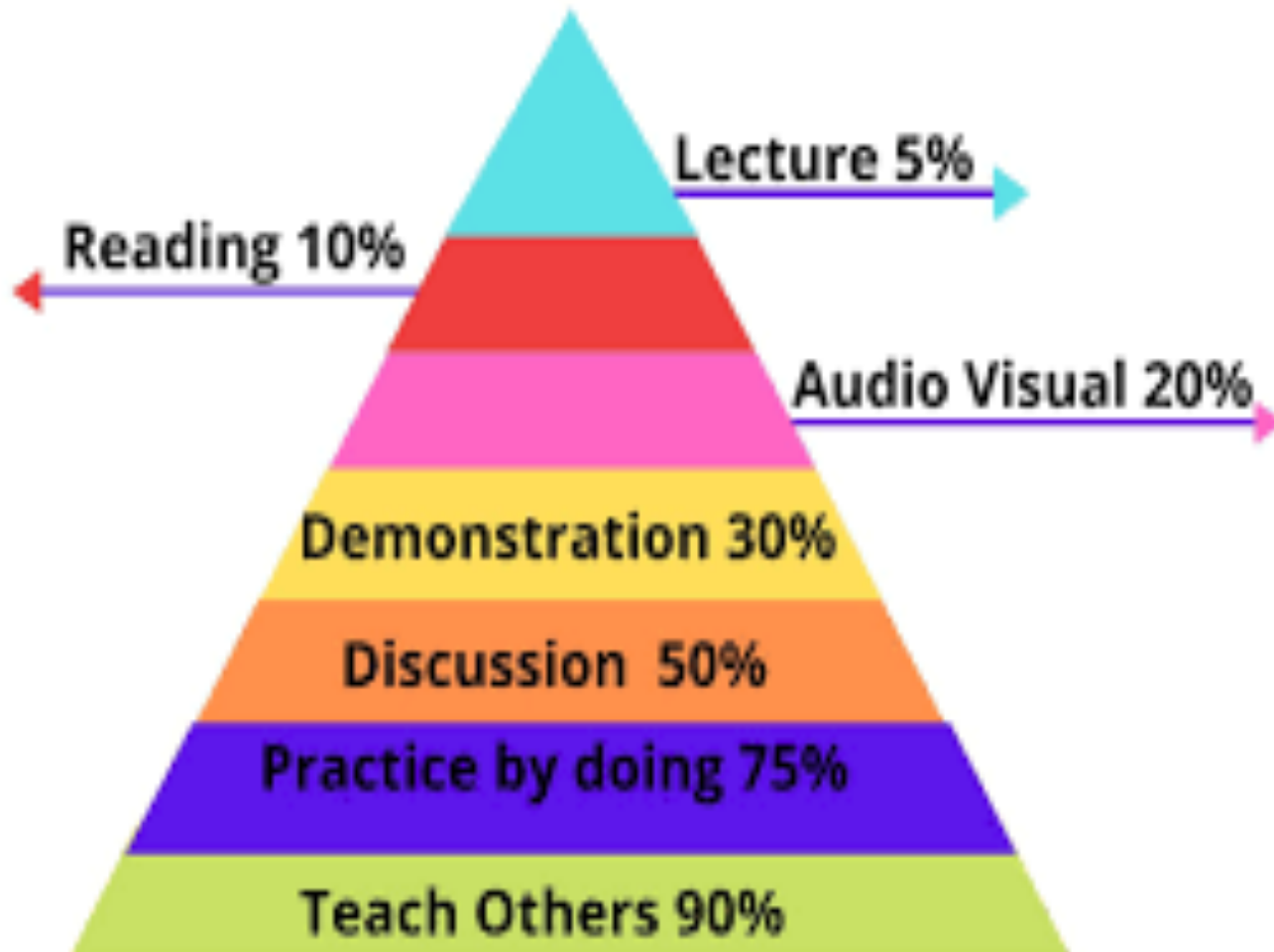
**The Teacher Hat – While You Prepare @ Home**

**The Facilitator Hat – In the Classroom**

**The Shepherd Hat – Look for Shepherding Moments**

**The Friend Hat – Care Calls**

# Information Retention Rates





### Traditional Learner vs A Self-Directed Learner



**SELF - DIRECTED LEARNING**  
**Learning for life**



*Learn to teach yourself*

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**Your pathway to healing is self-diagnosis**



# **Creating a Lesson Plan**

# Situational Forces VS Individual Forces

ROD WOODS

## FREED TO LEAD

HOW YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST CAN  
TRANSFORM ANY LEADERSHIP ROLE

"Christians in any kind  
of leadership position  
will find *Freedom To Lead*  
totally transformative."  
— Steve Goss



# **LESSON PLAN**

**Title/Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Main Scripture or passage:**

**Important Points or Teachable areas of the Study**

**What do I want them to learn?**

**What do I want them to do?**

**Catch (Motivation to listen):**

**Questions**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Application Assignment (Challenge)**

# Situational Forces

The episodes of Life



What are some Situational forces outside of our Control?



Our Delusion



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What was Jesus trying to teach us?



# Situational Forces vs Individual Forces

<b>A LOT OF CLAIMS</b>	<b>I was Stressed Out</b>
<b>REAL DAMAGE TO PEOPLES HOMES</b>	<b>I wanted to help</b>
<b>UNMET CUSTOMER EXPECTATIONS</b>	<b>LEAD TO ME OVER PROMISING</b>
<b>UPSET/ANGRY CUSTOMERS</b>	<b>WANTED TO MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY</b>
<b>A COMPANY THAT WAS NOT HIRING MORE PEOPLE</b>	<b>I STARTED COMPLAINING</b>

## Matthew 14:28–31 (NASB95)

<sup>28</sup>Peter said to Him, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.”

<sup>29</sup>And He said, “Come!” And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>**But seeing the wind, he**

**became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”** <sup>31</sup>**Immediately**

**Jesus stretched out His hand** and took hold of him, and said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”





# PRACTICE FORMING A LESSON

**Title/Theme** – Getting out of Situations unscathed

**Scripture** – Matt. 14:2-27

## **Important Points**

- Situations are simply the episodes of life
- Our delusion is that we are stronger than these forces
- This delusion drives us to a place of self-sufficiency
- These forces can bring about significant character change

## **What do I want them to learn**

- How God allows “situations” to come into our lives in order to grow us – teaches us to depend upon Him

## **What do I want them to do**

- James 4:7 – Any areas where you are resisting God?

# PRACTICE FORMING A LESSON

## Catch

- Claim's Adjuster Story – Overloaded and frustrated

## Questions

- Tell me about a situation in your life that bothers you?
- What can you control in the situation?
- What can you not control in the situation?
- What have you learned about yourself in the situation?
- Is there a scripture that comes to mind that God wants you to obey

## Application

Write out the Memory Verse before you leave

THANK YOU FOR  
SERVING CHRIST!