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Community Worship Guide

We want to have as natural a flow as possible to our community worship time, while still respecting everyone's time. By starting at 5:30 and having 20 minute segments for the different areas of emphasis, with a 10 minute buffer built in, we should be entering into a time of fellowship by 7:00. We also want to stay open to the Spirit's leading and not become enslaved to a time table. If we are all in the Spirit, our time of worshiping together should be a time of glorifying God and sharpening and edifying one another.

Entering Worship through Music & Song (20 minutes)

During this time we focus our mind's attention and heart's affection on God as we enter a time of worship as a biblical community.

Focusing on the Great Commission (20 minutes)

1st Sunday: T (transformation)-Groups

3rd Sunday: Personal Outreach

This will be a time for sharing how the Lord is at work in these aspects of our lives.

Encountering & Engaging God's Word (20 minutes)

The biblical passage that is the focus for this evening will be presented during this time. When we encounter God's Word, we need to be surrendered to and led by the Spirit, that we may be transformed.

Life Application (20 minutes)

During this time we will break up into groups to discuss the biblical passage that has been presented tonight. Many times when we hear or read God's Word we immediately return to our prior state of thinking and way of life without allowing God's Word to change us. James 1:23-25 says, "Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does." Sometimes the problem is that we honestly don't know how to apply the Bible's message to our lives. This time is set aside to keep us from walking away from God's Word unchanged.

Note: During the times for Focusing on the Great Commission and Life Application, your participation in group discussion is optional, but remember that God might be wanting to do a work in your life personally or use you to minister to another person that is in your discussion group, so please stay open to the Spirit's leading.

Community Fellowship

This is a time set aside for us to share our lives with one another through fellowship and get to know anyone who may be visiting. Prayerfully, God will use this time to strengthen our community through biblical fellowship.