



## Group Development Pathway

### Stage 1: Health (1-12 Months)

What is a healthy group? Answer: Connect, Care & Coach group members in honest, authentic relationships w/ God & others.

- Regular Meeting Rhythm
- Model Honest, Open Sharing
- Consistent Communication from Group Leaders

**Studies:**

- 'Rediscover Church' by Collin Hansen
- 'God is the Gospel' by John Piper

**Bible: Read & Respond (2 chapters)**

- Gospel of John (7 weeks)
- Romans (8 weeks)

Measurable Goal: Meet at least 2x monthly to form real relationships, Pray, Study/ discuss the Bible & Mission/Service.

### Stage 2: Growth (6-18 Months)

How do we Grow in the Gospel? Answer: Model God's heart & cultivate personal care for those who need to be included in transformative community.

- Open & Invitational groups with 'Open Chair' mindset
- Maturing understanding of grace, identity & mission in Christ.

**Studies:**

- 'Good & Beautiful God' - James Bryan Smith
- 'Art of Neighboring' - Jay Pathak

**Bible: Read & Respond (2 chapters)**

- Acts (14 weeks)
- 1 Corinthians (8 weeks)

Measurable Goal: 2+ Visitors invited & who attend your group each semester.

## Stage 3: Multiply (18-24 months)

How do we Multiply God's Kingdom through Intentional Influence?

Answer: Create opportunities for group members to discover & begin leading from their passions & God-given purpose.

- Development of potential/future leaders within our group (See Leadership Square for Leader Development Below)
- Empower & Challenge group members to disciple in their homes, work & neighborhood.

Studies:

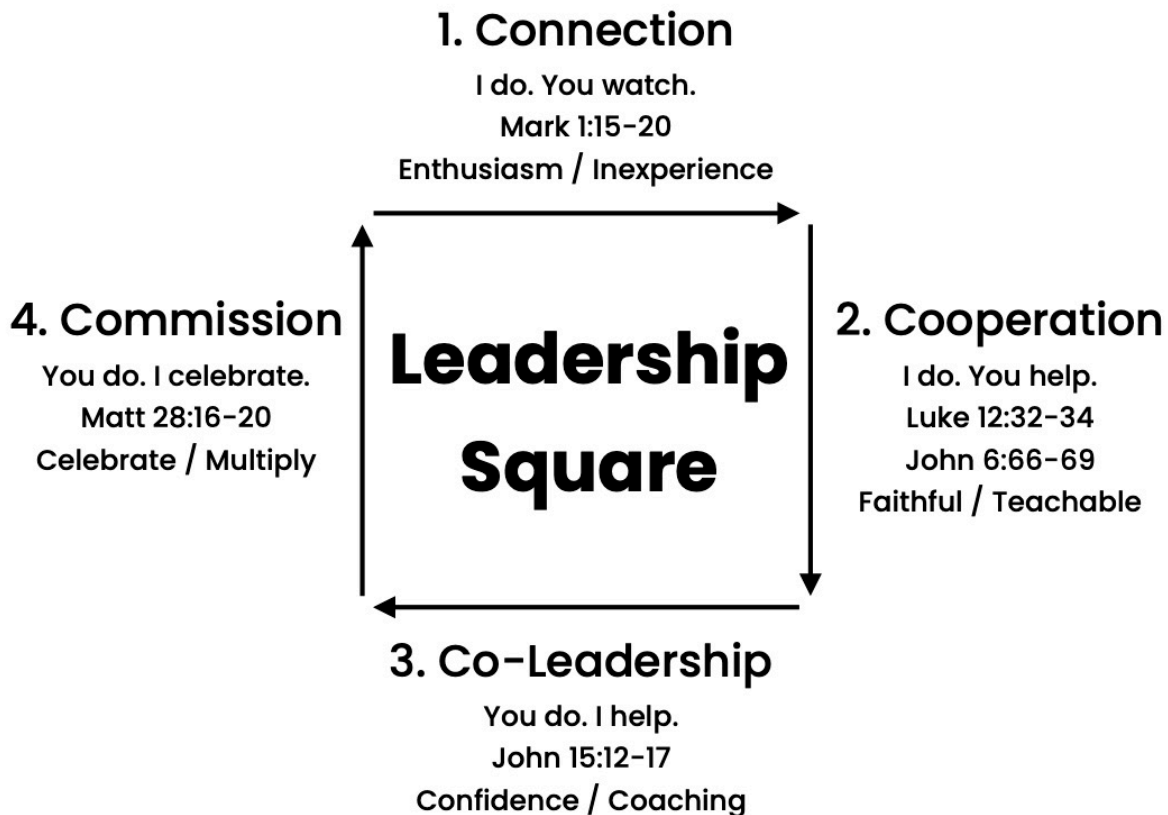
- 'Multiply' book by Francis Chan
- 'The Master Plan of Evangelism' by Robert Coleman

Bible: Read & Respond (2 chapters)

- Galatians (6 weeks)
- 1 & 2 Timothy (10 weeks)

Measurable Goal: Raise up 1 or more servant leaders from our group each year.

They may begin co-leading Community Group or host a Discovery Group at NHB.



## **What do we Study / Discuss at Group Meetings?**

**First**, notice there are 2 studies & 2 books of the Bible suggested for each of the three Development Stages (above). These will help you & your group experience Health, Growth & Multiplication.

**Second**, at the start of each semester the Community Pastor will offer 5-6 suggestions on group discipleship resources.

**Finally**, you may choose to study a book or resource which directly addresses questions or circumstances being faced by group members. Please inform the Community Pastor & your Community Shepherd of your discussion/study plan so that they can encourage & seek feedback on that resource.