

THE Small Group Experiment

The Class Meeting – by Kevin Watson

Reclaiming a Forgotten (and Essential) Small Group Experience

7:00 Welcome & Fellowship

7:05 Chapter 1

A New (Old) Kind of Small Group

We have no doubt, but meetings of christian brethren for the exposition of scripture-texts, may be attended with their advantages. But the most profitable exercise of any is a free inquiry into the state of the heart. —Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke

Open with a Prayer

7:10 Introductions

What is your name?

How long have you been involved in this church?

What made you interested in being a part of this study?

7:20 Video Presentation

7:30 Questions for Discussion

1. What were your general thoughts or reactions to this chapter? Was there anything particularly exciting or challenging to you? Why?
2. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses as you see them of the three types of small groups discussed at the beginning of this chapter (affinity groups, information-driven groups, and transformation-driven groups).
3. Of these three types of small groups, which one do you have the most previous experience with? Describe what this group did well and what it may not have done well.
4. Do you agree that groups that are focused on transformation are likely to be most effective in making disciples of Jesus Christ? Why or why not?

7:55 Transformation Question

On a scale of 1 to 10 (*1 being the farthest you have ever felt from God, 10 being the closest you have ever felt to God*) what number would you give to how close you feel to God today? Why?

8:00 Close with a Prayer

Holy Spirit, break through to renew and revive our church, unleashing new life. Empower us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' resurrection and the promise of abundant, eternal life.

Transform and boldly use us, without limits, delays, or excuses, to reach new people, to make new disciples of Jesus Christ, and to transform the world. Amen.