

The Class Meeting

Reclaiming a Forgotten (and Essential) Small Group Experience

7:00 Welcome & Fellowship

No meeting December 23rd. (We will meet December 30th)

7:05 Chapter 7

What Could Possibly Go Wrong?

May the time never come when class-meetings shall be laid aside in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

— Peter Cartwright

Open with a Prayer

7:10 Introductions

What was the highlight of your week?

7:15 Video Presentation

7:25 Questions for Discussion

1. What were your general thoughts or reactions to this chapter? Was anything particularly exciting or challenging to you? Why?
2. Which of the “Top Ten Ways to Guarantee That Your Class Meeting Will Fail” do you think would be the deadliest to a class meeting? Why?
3. Which one of these is the most difficult for you personally?
4. What would you add to this list? That is, what else do you think would be particularly harmful to the dynamics of a class meeting?
Or, what should we be proactive about avoiding?

7:30 Transformation Question

Another way to guarantee that your class meeting will fail is if you never get around to answering the basic question of the class meeting. So, this week we take a test run at answering the basic class meeting question. Try to speak for 2–3 minutes about your sense of where you are currently in your relationship with God:

How is your life in God? If it helps, you can name specific places where you have seen God at work in your life over the past week.

8:00 Close with a Prayer

Breakthrough 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.