

The Class Meeting

Reclaiming a Forgotten (and Essential) Small Group Experience

7:00 Welcome & Fellowship

7:05 Chapter 8

The Keys to a Life-Changing Group

In these class-meetings many seekers of religion have found them the spiritual birth-place of their souls into the heavenly family, and their dead souls made alive to God.

—Peter Cartwright

Open with a Prayer

7:06 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. Do you have a previous experience with a small group that was particularly formative for your life? If so, what was it about the group that made it so powerful?
3. The chapter mentions that curriculum-driven groups sometimes determine not only what information people should be given, but what questions should be asked. What questions do you have based on this chapter's content?
4. This is the last chapter of the book (but don't forget to read the concluding exhortation!). The book has repeatedly stated that the main goal is to help you actually form a class meeting, not merely learn about the class meeting. Spend some time discussing with each other your sense of whether God is calling you to continue meeting as a class meeting. Is this a step the group is willing to take?

7:35 Transformation Question

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.

7:59 Plans for next 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.