



WESLEY'S SMALL GROUPS

MATTHEW 4:12-17

- THE REV JOHN WESLEY WAS NOT SURE IF “THOSE WHO WERE OUTWARDLY REFORMED WERE INWARDLY AND THOROUGHLY CONVERTED TO GOD.”
- WESLEY DID NOT ONLY WANT TO SEE BAPTISMS BUT CONVERSIONS.


- WESLEY STARTED SMALL GROUPS AS “ECCLESIOLOAE IN ECCLESIA.”
THE INTENTION IS TO BRING RENEWAL.
- WESLEY COULD NOT VISIT EVERYONE.
- HE INVOLVED LAYMEN AND WOMEN IN THE MINISTRY.
- CLERGY GAVE LEADERSHIP AND SERMONS. LAITY ORGANIZED THE PEOPLE AND LED IN DISCUSSIONS TO SEE LIVES RENEWED.

CHURCH SERVICE – ORDER.

HOME MEETING - SPONTANEOUS.



○ A DISCIPLINED GROUP

- DESIRE TO FLEE FROM THE WRATH TO COME
 - 8 – 10 PERSONS IN A GROUP.
 - MEET ONCE IN A WEEK.
 - ONE AND A HALF HOURS OF GATHERING.
 - MUST STOP ON TIME.
 - WHEN 1 TALKS, OTHERS MUST BE QUIET.
 - NOTHING SHARED IS SPOKEN OUTSIDE.
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- WESLEY DEFINITELY INSTILLED DISCIPLINE IN THE SMALL GROUPS. HE KNEW THAT WITHOUT SUCH DISCIPLINE THE SMALL GROUPS WILL NOT ACHIEVE ITS PURPOSE, WHICH IS RENEWAL.

- IS OUR SMALL GROUP DISCIPLINED IN ITS GATHERINGS?
- ARE WE SEEING LIVES RENEWED?
- AM I SERIOUS IN WANTING MY LIFE TO BE RENEWED?