

Group Reunion – a meeting of friends for mutual encouragement

GROUP REUNION

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love

Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created

And you shall renew the face of the earth

Let us pray

Almighty God, who has taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Group Reunion (see across and over)

Finish with

We give you thanks, Almighty God, for all the benefits you have given us: you who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

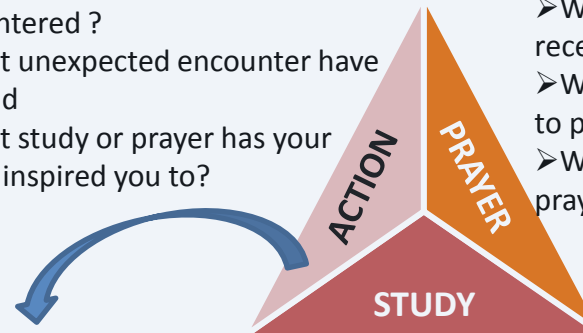
The Grace may be said

ACTION (Compassion)

- What you done in the name of the Lord this week?
- What apostolic success or disappointment have you encountered ?
- What unexpected encounter have you had
- What study or prayer has your action inspired you to?

PIETY / PRAYER (Communion)

- What spiritual aids have brought you closer to Christ?
- What was the moment closest to Christ?
- What answers to prayer have you received?
- Who or what have you been moved to pray for?
- What actions or study has your prayer life inspired you to?



GROUP PLAN (Commission)

- Are there any actions you can agree to take together?
- Can you pray for each other?
- Is there a situation you can study together?
- Are there any actions you might take together?

STUDY (Company)

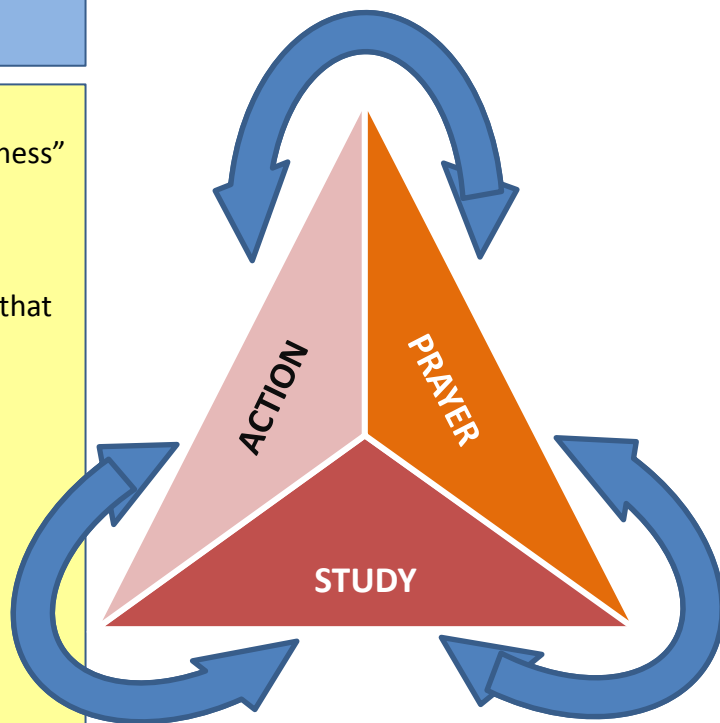
- What have you done to understand the gift of God and to form your mind after the mind of Christ?
- What have learnt from other people?
- What have you read or seen or heard that has caused you to pause and reflect?
- What prayer or actions has your study inspired you to?

Prayer	= Communion	= "One together"
Study	= Company	= "Bread together"
Action	= Compassion	= "Suffer together"
Individual and /or Group Plan	= Commission	= "Sent out together"
Mutual encouragement	= Comfort	= "Strength together"

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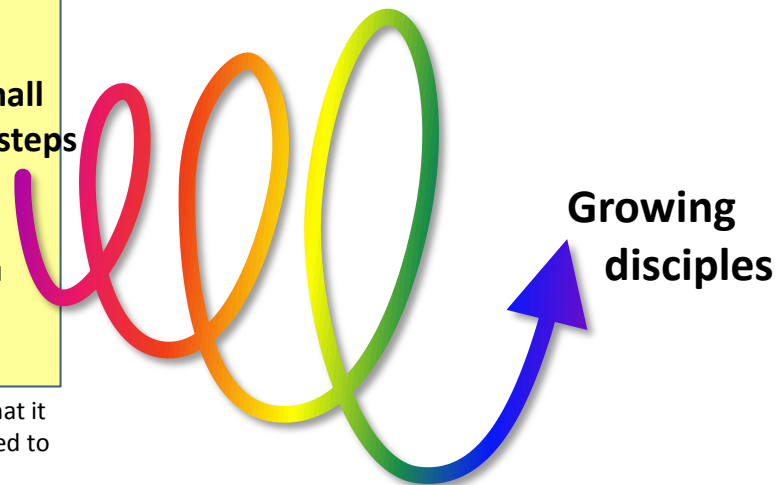
1. Each person takes a turn, but may pass if they wish
2. We meet in small groups to give an account of our discipleship – the “witness”
 1. This is not a discussion or a counselling session
 2. It is intended to give encouragement through commitment
3. You can start anywhere, with prayer, study OR action
4. If you had a plan (shared at another small group) then perhaps start with that
 1. Be prepared to say where your plan didn't go as intended
 2. What have you discovered?
 3. How have you been encouraged by your plan
5. Speak about what has moved you (your prayer, action OR study)
6. If you begin with:
 1. ACTION – how did this encourage your prayer and study?
 2. PRAYER – how did this encourage your study and action?
 3. STUDY – how did this encourage your action and prayer?
7. You may even be able to go through the virtuous circle more than once
 1. Prayer -> Study -> Action -> Prayer -> Study -> and so on OR
 2. Prayer -> Study -> Action -> Study -> Action -> Prayer
8. Before you finish speaking commit to a “plan”
 1. Be courageous!
 2. This may be some study, an action or some prayer or a combination
 3. It doesn't have to be a “change the world”
 4. What are your aims before the next time you group?
 5. What would you like to achieve?
 6. If you can, write it down. Commit to it!
9. As a Group you may commit to a plan together
 1. Even if you are not going to meet the others in your group again you can commit to pray for them for, say , a month
 2. Are there things you can all do either together or individually?

A “virtuous” circle



Helps to nurture us

Small steps



Growing disciples