



Leadership Link

Equipping leaders to Lead



Dear Friend

At this time of year, the early days of a Christian New Year!, leaders have to function in various modes as they look to their priorities for the autumn!

The first is the **Micro mode** where we get concerned about some of the bread and butter elements of how we run the church. We are likely to be finalising preaching and teaching themes, thinking about a new Alpha initiative, sorting our a diary that seems to be jammed before we really get down to the things we think matter and of course producing those all important cell notes which can easily become the curse not the blessing as we seek to keep one step ahead of the next cell meeting!

On the **Macro level** we are looking again at our declarations of vision and trying to think through what are the achievable and attainable goals for our people, goals which we can have a real faith for and goals which people will see as possible!

In between, those of us who lead cell churches, or even churches with cells, recognise the tremendous importance of having cells which are real places of life, support, encouragement and growth. Actually it is to this end that we might maybe put more of our energy.

Producing cell notes, however good they are, doesn't actually do this. This may lead to a well run meeting but it is not the key developing a living community! (neither is a lack of good cell notes either!)

Large church vision and goals etc are all good for encouragement and for leadership teams and groups to lock onto, but they don't feature all that much in the development of cell communities which are so essential to the way in which we grow and develop our people today.

Cells, and mostly cell leaders, who understand that we relate to each other on different levels, will allow a cell to develop along different lines alongside regular cell meetings; they will then have time for social interaction together, and space for people to meet in their 2's and 3's. This will then focus how we live our lives and what takes our time and energy. These cells will find they are places of belonging and growth, becoming attractive to those on a journey into faith not just those of us on the journey of faith!

In this world of changing culture and developing postmodernity, Christians and non-Christians alike recognise that authentic faith is worked out between us, and through us as people – not through meetings, plans and purpose statements – however valuable these are.

So – sensible leaders recognise how important it is to give time to the cell leaders and not just give them cell notes. They sit down with people and chat through what they think God is calling them to in their lives not just in the church. They recognise that values are caught not just taught and that their own lives are one of the primary ways that people catch them as they see them worked through practically in how we live!

So here's the autumn challenge – to actually be part of the church, to see people grow together, to be in touch with the day to day and the hopes and fears of our people and to allow God to do something between them that is unique to them and which will be the doorway to others for faith to infect their lives as it has ours!

Yours for his Kingdom

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