

UNSTOPPABLE!

Practices of a Powerful Church

“Authentic Small Groups”

Through the power of prayer, God’s Spirit, and God’s Word:
We will intentionally connect everyone in small groups where we experience spiritual growth, genuine community, and caring, accountable friendships.

Focus of Small Groups at North Suburban Church

1. Focus on _____ for _____

Jim Russell: “Anytime two or more of us are meeting here in the church, take time to share and pray for each other.”

1 Timothy 2:1 *I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men...*

Philippians 4:6 *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

I can participate in small group **prayer** by...

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2. Focus on _____ through the _____

Marty Voltz: “The small group study guides in the bulletin based on my messages are designed to help you dig deep into the Word.”

II Timothy 3:16-17 *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

I can participate in small group **growth** in the Word of God by...

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3. Focus on _____ to _____

Elders – Our vision for “Cord of Three Strands” is 3 living units sharing their life together and reaching out to three neighbors.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 *Two are better than one.... For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow.... Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a **threefold cord** is not quickly broken.*

Matthew 5:14-16 *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

I can participate in small group **outreach** to others by...

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4. Focus on being a _____ for _____

Dick Loizeaux: “Our small groups give everyone a place to belong, a place to be in relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ.”

I Peter 3:8-11 *Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous... knowing that... ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.*

I can participate in being a **blessing** to my small group by...

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My _____ in Living this _____ Value ...
