

**TOPIC: BBTC DIRECTION : ALIGNING OUR PURPOSE**

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**Mission Statement:** To share Christ as we mature in Him.

We cannot share Christ meaningfully until we mature in Him.

BBTC Relational Infrastructure		
Group Dynamics	Name	Purpose
Large Group/ Worship Service	→ <u>Celebration</u> →	<u>Unity</u>
Mid-size Group/	→ <u>Community</u> →	<u>Fellowship/Bridge Building</u>
Small Groups/CGs	→ <u>Cell</u> →	<u>Spiritual Growth</u>
Life to Life – MR/MG	→ <u>Core</u> →	<u>A&amp;C and P&amp;C</u>

The above shows how we can move forward as a church. The end goal of our worship service is unity. We want to encourage a lot of mid-size groups where bridge building can take place. We screened movies recently. As the message was in the movie, there were 8 salvation cases.

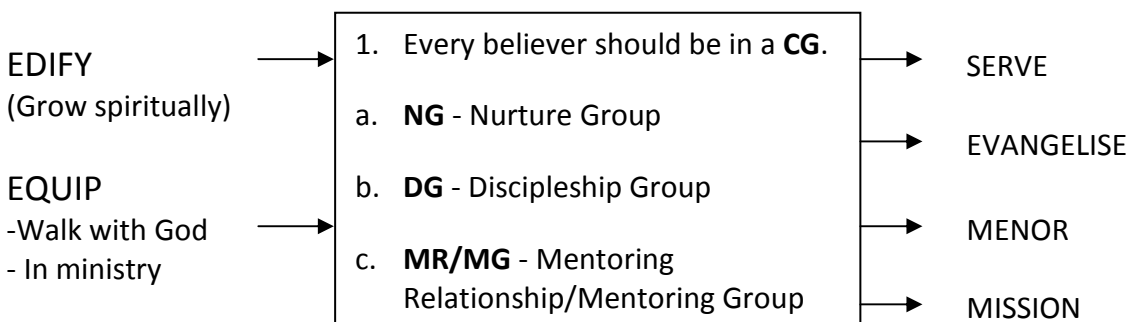
God made us to relate to one another. The small groups are the cells where people meet for spiritual life and growth. Mentoring relationships (MRs) and mentoring groups (MGs) can take place simultaneously.

We encourage everyone to be plugged into the body life, and see themselves as growing disciples, connecting others for Christ. Like getting to know one another better, we should move from the foyer to the living room, moving from superficiality to deeper sharing.

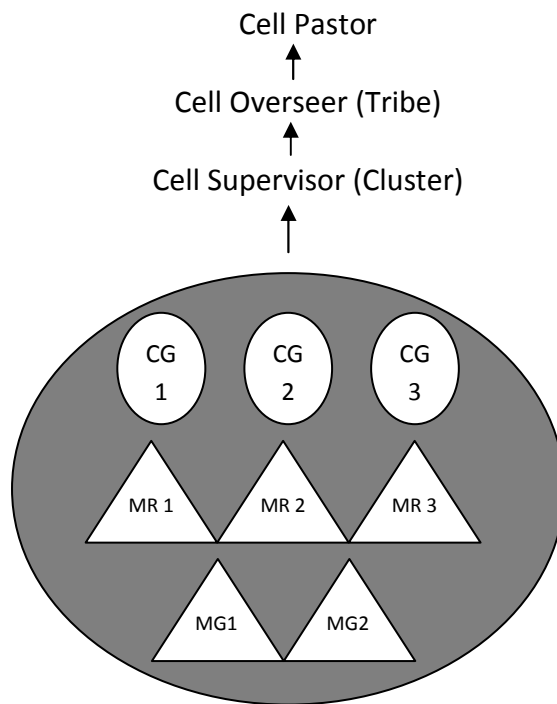
**IDMC Template - Groups**

1. Every believer should be in a **CG** (Church-in-Action Group)

Ultimately, everyone should find for himself a place to belong to. We will continue growing and hence we need the infrastructure in place and need everyone to help fulfill the Great Commission.



We need to help new believers to grow spiritually, to be assured of salvation, forgiveness or of answered prayer. As one is fed spiritually, one should eventually serve.



Within the Cell group, there should be mentoring relationships. This can also happen at the cluster / tribe level. Such relationships which exist across the tribe would help one to connect with various people of different vocations, exposures and stations in life.

**Core Values for an effective CG:**

- ✓ Our behavior should flow from our core-values derived from the Word of God.
- ✓ Then it will be a fruit of our lives.
- ✓ If it is just a reaction or merely doing what your leader says, it will not last.

**A. No Offenses** - Be unoffendable

**Luke 8:18a** - take heed how you hear.

**Acts 22:9** - everyone saw the light but only Paul heard the voice of God. -  
 - Same message heard by all but Holy Spirit will speak direct Rhema.

Common offenses:

- i. Personality differences
- ii. Work style clashes
- iii. Miscommunication - under communication
- iv. Unable to differentiate views on an issue vs taking it personally
- v. Expectations not met
- vi. Careless words - just comes out wrongly

- ✓ Importance of bonding then building
- ✓ BBTC - Church of friends
- ✓ Care for friends
- ✓ Repair our attitudes of : Unity - Humility - Utility

**B. Accountability & Covering and Praying & Communicating**

Practicing the “**One-Another**” of scriptures.

**C. No Condemnation, no Comparison nor Competition but Encouragement always.**  
**Proverbs 4:23** - Guard your heart.

**D. Maximum participation.**

**E. Focus on unity in the Spirit, not uniformity.**  
 Focus on **Biblical Principles** over methodology.

**IDMC - Ownership and Execution Direction**

**2 Annual Surveys**

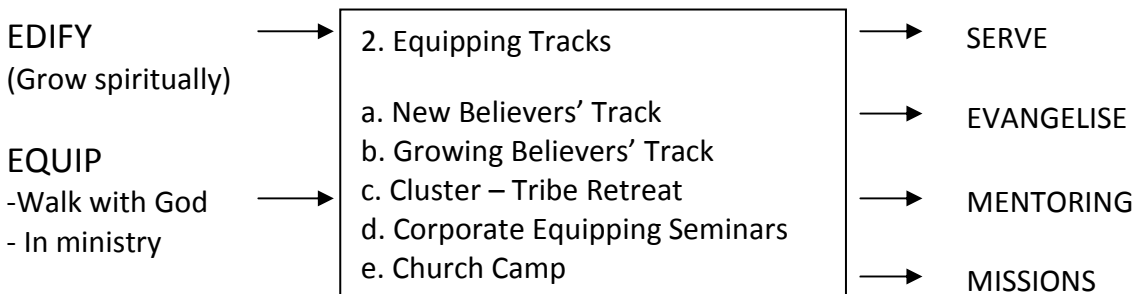
**Proverbs 27:23** - Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and attend to your herds.

- A. Strength of CG [done by end April].
- B. Spiritual Health Survey [done by end October].

**Mobilization for:**

- A. Ministering to one another.
- B. Prayer and 24/7 Prayer.
- C. Bridging Events.
- D. Corporate Cluster Evangelistic Outreaches.
- E. Corporate Equipping Seminars.
- F. Blessing Campaign.

**IDMC TEMPLATE - Equipping**



Within the tribes, we are looking to have anointed Body-life, leading to Anointed worship, anointed word and anointed altar during Celebrations and Worship Services.

## WHAT ARE THE KEY TRAITS OF A DISCIPLE IN BBTC?

### 1. Growing Spiritually evidenced by:

#### A. Loving God

- i. We love Him because He first loved us. (1 John 4:19) We need to experience His love personally.
- ii. We have experienced and tasted of His goodness. (1 Peter 2:2-3, Psalm 34:8, Jer 29:11)

We need to know God's thoughts for us is to give us shalom, wholesome being. If we have some suspicion that God may just send us away to Tibet or that we need to sell off something, we have misconstrued Him and would not be able to love Him wholeheartedly. Like experiencing His love, we need to personally experience His goodness.

Few aspects of God can be seen in **Exodus 34:6**.

And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, is

1. merciful [compassionate] and
2. gracious,
3. longsuffering [slow to anger], and
4. abounding in goodness [love] and
5. truth [faithfulness]

#### B. Loving One Another

**1 Peter 4:8** - And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins".

Forgive always and do it asap. Do not retain the sins of others to defile yourself (John 20:23) If we choose to harbor resentment, we retain the sins of others and that will defile and contaminate us. By loving one another means that if we see a gap in the CG, we fill it, pray or do something about it. Is there someone in the CG who might need help in one form or another?

#### C. Loving the Lost

**Mark 16:15** - And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach [share] the gospel to every creature."

Regardless of our vocation, there is a place for everyone to bridge others for Christ. The 'world' can refer to the market place. If we are in the market place, our responsibility is not reaching out to the heartlanders but primarily to those in the market place and vice versa.

### **Luke 10:5, 6, 7a, 9**

5 But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace [Bless] to this house.' 6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. 7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking [Fellowship] such things as they give..9 And heal the sick [meet felt needs] there, and say to them, [share Gospel] 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Referring to the above verse, the first thing is not to share the gospel but to bless them. We are not responsible to everyone for the gospel but to those whom we connect to. We meet them at their level before we share the gospel.

## **2. Pursuing Personal Destiny**

### **A. Growing into Christ-likeness**

#### **Roman 8:29**

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

#### **Galatians 5:22-23**

22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

#### **1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV)**

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails ...

As we are not perfect, there is no need to criticize one another or to keep a record of wrongs. Rather, let's grow towards Christ-likeness.

### **B. Being effective salt and light.**

#### **Ephesians 2:10**

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

#### **Matthew 5:16**

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

### **C. Administering God's Grace to others**

#### **1 Peter 4:10**

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

## Conclusion

### Daniel 12:3 (NKJV)

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament / skies / heavens, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

Mission Statement: To **SHARE** Christ as we **MATURE** in Him.

Will you commit to align yourself with the mission of the church?

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## Topic: BBTC Direction

### Questions for discussion

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- 1) In what ways has the church contributed to your spiritual development and growth?  
What are other areas are you looking to grow in?
  
- 2) Share your understanding regarding the IDMC Template (Groups & Equipping) and how do you see your role in it at this point in time or in the future?
  
- 3a) Given the core value of no offence but only encouragement, share what you would like to see in your CG/ministry group. What are the plus points and what are the areas you think the group can do better.

