

# **Missional Communities**

*formerly Home Groups*

## **'Our B3 Movement'**

*Lord willing, our missional communities will play a critical role in forming a compassionate & creativity community of redemptive action that acts as a bold witness to the world.*

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# Forming the DNA of our Missional Communities *(must be embedded)*

## Ministry Design Principles for Living into God's Story of Change *(The Chalmers Center)*

Christian poverty: alleviation ministries ***must be rooted in and flow back into the local church.***

Use supportive, gospel-centered groups as much as possible

All the ministry stakeholders should “pray without ceasing.”

Narrate God's story of change throughout life.

Foster whole person discipleship using adult education training techniques.

Verbally invite unbelievers to saving faith in Jesus Christ

All the ministry's stakeholders need to resist demonic forces by putting on the whole armor of God. (Eph. 6:12-18)

# Home Church: Forming a Missions Plan

Starts with taking ***Spiritual Responsibility*** for our Jerusalem (immediate neighbourhood);

Research & understand the priority needs within the immediate neighbourhood (*dream with God*)

Decide circle of responsibility & determine key service opportunities to engage (*build with God*)

Pray specifically and expectantly...never ceasing

(1 Thess. 5:17). (*The power to change comes from God*)

Selflessly & regularly engage your circle building trust relationships (*fully commit with God*)

# B3 Movement

## *Minimum Viable Missional Community Requirements*

### *Our commitment, our pledge*

#### < Build Together >

##### **Serve Community**

*Meet at least once a month as part of the larger church body and enjoy fellowship as it carries out some type of social service as chosen by the church.  
(starts with local city then national / Internationally)*

#### < Bible Together >

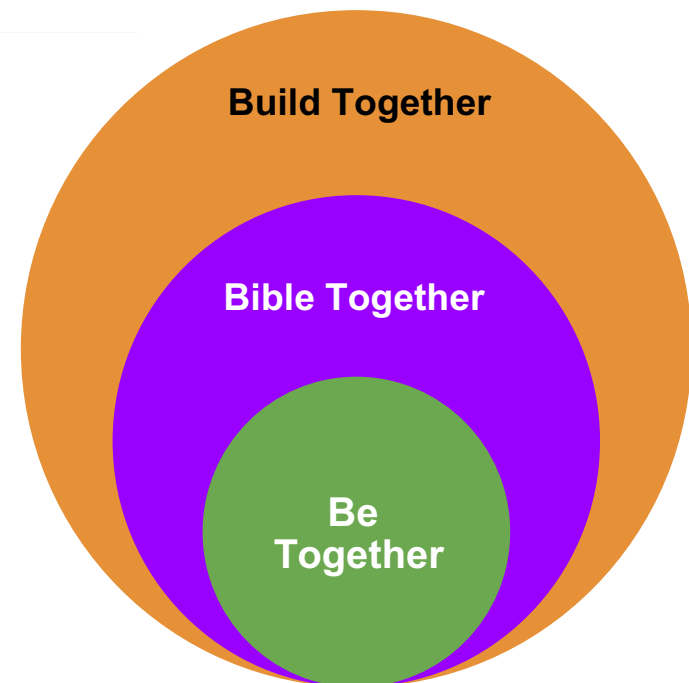
##### **Lead More To Him**

*Meetings to learn about sharing faith & evangelism, being encouraged, exchange ideas, learnings, testimonies, and experiences about missional engagement and hear from guests.*

#### < Be Together\* >

##### **Serve Local Neighbourhood**

*Meet at least once a month as a group and enjoy fellowship as it carries out some type of social service as chosen by the group.*



# B3 Movement - Missional Community, examples

## < Be Together >

- have meals together
- delight in each other's families
  - adopt & serve a centre
- have open houses & hang out together

## < Individually >

- baby sit for a young couple
- cut someone's lawn / paint their garage
  - schedule a coffee
  - become a mentor

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## < Bible Together >

- praying together
  - bible study
- worship together
- online learning workshops
- attend in-person missions gatherings
  - commit to retreats
  - dream together

## < Build Together >

- identify events we can support
- ex. Xmas Meal program / food banks / bible studies
- identify & adopt families in need
  - assign a liaison (lead / benevolence)

# Service Opportunities:

*(will need to be re-confirmed by each centre)*

## **Immediate**

Assign 2 liaisons per MC for one adopted centre

Identify winter needs & develop schedule of events for MC; ex. winter coats drive, food drive, xmas meal prep, medical street packs, coldest night of the year event, etc.

Each MC appoint a member as their liaison to the Sanctuary's Benevolence committee

## **Future Opportunities**

after school tutoring / reading programs

CAP - financial literacy help

lead a regular night small group bible study

run a youth drop in night

run cooking classes on low budget

conduct summer BBQ outreach events

**DREAM !!!**

# Forming Questions for Consideration;

- What types of opportunities can we participate in that;
  - involve the most people in our MC and really leverages their skills and passions
  - provides the best opportunities for us to meet the people we desire to serve in-person (covid safe) to build relationship and share Jesus over time
  - can allow people to participate even by working from home as well as being front-line
  - can include multi-generations (ages) in service
- Can we create a weekly or **at least a bi-weekly schedule** of service activities that demonstrates **our commitment regularly BEing together and to our centre?**