

**LIFE ON THE VINE**  
**T-GROUP BASICS**  
**COMING TOGETHER TO BE SHAPED INTO HIS**  
**CHARACTER**

**I. THE MISSION**

**Mission Statement:**

We join together to seek out, pursue and fulfill the purposes of God in Christ for our lives as informed by Scripture, the Holy Spirit and His work in this community. We bring our fears, doubts, shame and anger, our joys and our sorrows into this place of His presence, for the submission to His Lordship, to be healed and formed so that we grow into men and women of God, followers of Jesus Christ.

**He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ - Philipplans 1:6**

**II. PREMISE**

Christian character is formed in relationship to Christ and one another in Christ. One's character is formed both progressively and in crisis. In either case, we are shaped as the Holy Spirit inhabits our life:

1. Confession and Repentance - Invitation into healing, freedom from bondage of sin and secrecy
  - a. James 5:16
  - b. I John 1:9
  - c. Ephesians 5:13-14
2. Discernment - Invitation into renewal/restoration, freedom from pressure to do it all myself
  - a. Romans 12:1-2
  - b. Matthew 18:15-20
3. Speaking the Truth in Love - Invitation into renewed relationships, freedom from isolation
  - a. Ephesians 4:15
  - b. Ephesians 5:11
4. Forming Vision - Invitation to see our lives from a biblical, Christ-centered perspective
  - a. Luke 11:34,35
  - b. Philipplans 1:10

#### IV. THE GROUP MEETING PATTERN

1) Invocation

**Whenever two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them Matt 18.20**

1) Scripture

3.) Check-ins

4.) Confession and Repentance

**Confess your sins, one to another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed (whole) - James 5:16**

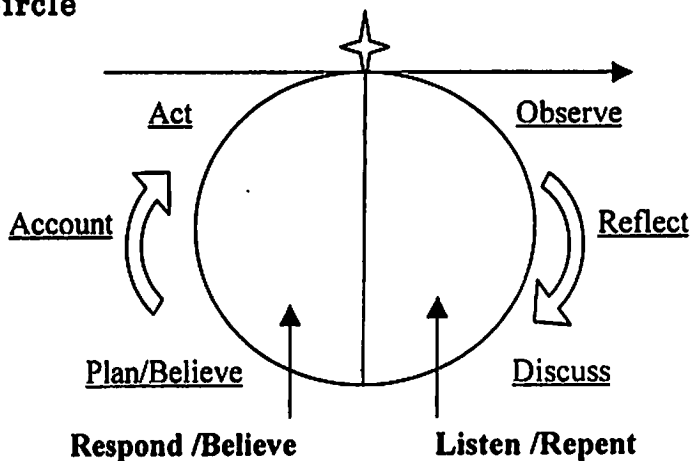
5.) The Learning Circle / Work

**Therefore, work out your own salvation in fear and trembling - Philippians 2:12**

6.) Closing and Benediction

#### **SHAPES SHORT CUTS**

**Circle**



#### **Summary:**

The Kingdom of God is breaking in at each *moment* if we would *listen* and *respond*.

#### **Scripture:**

Mark 1:15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the good news!"

*Idea:* God is breaking in, speaking, acting, leading in *kairos* moments. Our listening demands repenting, and believing leads to responding. The movement around the *circle* helps us discern these moment of the Kingdom breaking in.