



Format of the SCC Meetings

For facilitators to use during their meetings.

Meeting Duration: 1-1/2 hours, plus fellowship time with refreshments

START AND END ON TIME!

1. Welcome everyone and introduce new members
 - a. Be careful not to allow too much time gabbing and getting reacquainted; save that for refreshment time
2. Opening prayer, asking God:
 - a. to be present in the meeting
 - b. to anoint each person's mind and heart for sharing and learning
 - c. to guide the meeting and keep the conversation on track
 - d. to be with those who couldn't make it or are late
 - e. to fill everyone with the Holy Spirit, the teacher of truth
 - f. and end by giving God glory and praise
3. Read 1st scripture and commentary
4. Faith sharing on that scripture; ask the members:
 - a. What part of that related to you and your life?
 - b. How does this help you with your daily life?
 - c. What struck you the most? Why?
 - d. And/or use questions given by the commentary
5. Repeat #4 for 2nd scripture and Gospel reading
6. Life Application just before meeting ends
 - a. What goals do these scriptures give you for this week?
 - b. How would you like these readings to change you?
 - c. What would you say was the theme God gave us in this meeting?
7. Closing prayer
 - a. Summarize the main lessons learned in the meeting and thank God
 - b. Ask God to help make these lessons take root in us and change us
 - c. Open the prayer to petitions made by anyone who wants to offer them
 - d. Offer up all unspoken needs and the needs of those not present
 - e. End with the "Our Father," a "Hail Mary" and a "Glory Be"
8. Announcements
 - a. Share whatever news is pertinent (upcoming retreat, info about a member who is absent, etc.)
 - b. Assign who will bring refreshments next week (use predictable schedule)
9. Fellowship with refreshments, which members take turns supplying