

Common Mistakes for Cell Ministry

Many times ministry leaders have commented to me that they have moved away from cell ministry because, “it doesn’t work!” I have always been disappointed by that opinion since most of the time it was developed as a result of the pastor or leadership team making a mistake which doomed the potential of cell ministry within the church. Over the 33 years of involvement in small group leadership I have observed several fatal mistakes which result in a struggling or dying cell ministry.

1. Pastor fails to have the vision for small groups
2. Failure to mandate group multiplication.
3. Inward-focused vs. Externally focused groups
4. Failure to provide a structure for leadership communication
5. Lack of adequate training for leaders
6. Failure of senior leaders modeling the value of small groups
7. Focus on nuts and bolts instead of the principles of cells