

Key Success Factors for Your Small Group Ministry Program

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With one addition from 06/13

A clear ministry objective

A mission and purpose statement

A clear model that incorporates all the essential elements of Small Group Ministry.

Leaders who are carefully selected because they are:

- o good listeners
- o able to implement your small group ministry model
- o willing to implement the model
- o a non-anxious presence
- o have a strong connection to the church
- o willing to attend Facilitators Meetings and accept direction
from the minister and program coordinator

Shared Leadership – Responsibility for the group belongs to everyone.

Session plans that challenge the groups and encourage sharing of the participants' lives.

Ongoing orientation for new facilitators

Coaching, support, and continuing training for facilitators

Support from the church leadership, especially the minister

A committed Coordinator to provide oversight and coordinate leadership, membership, content, and visibility

June 2013 addition:

Continued communication and networking with program leaders from other churches, to learn how to adapt and enhance your sgm program.