

**Starting Point Notes**  
**August 12, 2008**  
**Saylorville Baptist Church**

**Part 1: What is a cell group?**

1. Introduction: Hebrews 10:24-25
  - a. Let us consider \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - b. To stir up one another to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - c. Not \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - d. J.I. Packer – “We should not think of our fellowship with other Christians as a spiritual luxury, an optional addition to the exercises of private devotions. Fellowship is one of the great words of the New Testament: it denotes something that is vital to a Christian’s spiritual health, and central to the Church’s true life... The church will flourish and Christians will be strong only when there is fellowship.”
  
  - e. Fellowship is \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. What is a cell group? – A gathering of 6-14 people, led by trained lay-leaders, that meet in one another’s homes to build relationships, encourage one another in spiritual growth, care for one another personally, and serve inside and outside the group.
3. Distinctive Features of SBC’s Cell Groups
  - a. Less than 14 in size
  - b. Balance relational and spiritual growth
  - c. Meet at least twice per month
  - d. Led by trained lay-leaders who receive on-going support
  - e. Committed to Multiplication
  - f. Committed to developing new leaders through apprenticeship
4. The Need for Cell Groups at SBC
  - a. The 3 Levels of Ministry
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ – Proclamation and Celebration
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ - Education
    - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ – Application and Personal Ministry
5. More Than Just a Bible Study - The main point of a cell group is to \_\_\_\_\_ truth in light of the Gospel.

**Part 2: Why Small Groups?** – See Handout *Why Small Groups?*

**Part 3: What is a great cell group member?**

1. Great cell group \_\_\_\_\_ make a great cell group.
2. Characteristics
  - a. Hunger to \_\_\_\_\_ God
  - b. Love the \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ your group, don't just \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ – The good and the bad.
  - e. Meet \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting.
  - f. Actively look to \_\_\_\_\_ one another –
  - g. Keep \_\_\_\_\_ in mind
  - h. \_\_\_\_\_