

## **BELONG – BELIEVE – BLESS**

### A. The Jerusalem Church

1. Practised the three B's – "Belong, Believe, Bless".

**<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and they had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2)**

- a) Why do you think they did so?
  - b) How do you think that contributed to "souls being saved"?
2. The early church often met in homes (Romans 16:3, 1 Corinthians 16:19).
    - a) Why do you think that was so?
    - b) Did that contribute to the rapid expansion of the gospel? Explain.
    - c) Do you think that home churches are relevant today?

### B. FPBC Cell Groups

1. Cell groups provide the best platform for the three B's to be experienced at FPBC.

- a) Do you agree with the statement above? Why?

2. Experiencing The Three B's

- a) Belong

- 1) We are the body of Christ and each one is a part of it and each member belongs to all others. (1 Corinthians 12:12, 25-27; Romans 12:4-5)

- a. What are the implications of this truth?
- b. How do these apply to you and the church?

- 2) The Greek word for fellowship is "koinonia".

- a. What are the characteristics of this type fellowship?
- b. Do you think that this type of fellowship exists at FPBC? If not, what needs to be done to bring this about?

- b) Believe

- 1) Essential to our growth is a community life where there is loving, nurturing accountability. Christlikeness is not merely the work of an individual; rather it grows out of a matrix of a loving fellowship. (Richard J Foster)

- a. Why do you think this is so? Explain with examples.

- 2) It is said that Cell Groups:

- Encourage better learning
  - Allow for mutual edification
  - Provide a way for Christians to live out their faith.
  - Cultivate leadership within the church
- a. Do you agree with the statements above? Give your reasons.

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### c) Bless

- 1) Do you agree that cell groups provide a comfortable introduction for unbelievers into the Christian faith? If yes, how can we do this well?

### C. Everyone A Member of A Cell Group

1. Currently quite a sizeable proportion of FPBC is not plugged into cell groups.
  - a) Why do you think this so?
  - b) What are some negative consequences that could arise from this situation?
  - c) What are some steps the leaders can take to address this situation?