

## Starting Small Groups in the Right Direction

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Trevor Joy, *Providence Church*

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## Today's Session

- 11:00-11:50 Speaker Round-Robin
- 11:50-12:30 Q&A (Lunch)
- 12:30- 1:00 Action Plan & Next Steps

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## Objectives

- Cover the roles of small groups in the local church.
- Discover the coming changes on the small group horizon.
- Learn next steps for starting small groups in a plant environment.

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## About Your Presenters

### Ted Wlazlowski

Ted is an Area Pastor at The Village, where he has served for three years and been a member for five. During that time he has helped grow the groups ministry from less than twenty groups to over 170. He is responsible for Spiritual Formation ministries for one-third of the church. Previously Ted was in the marketplace, most recently as a strategy and process consultant. He is currently pursuing certification as a church health consultant.

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## About Your Presenters

### Jason Holleman

Jason joined The Village staff as an Area Pastor in 2007, where he is responsible for leading two of six zones. Previously, he was Discipleship Pastor of a church in East Texas.

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## About Your Presenters

### Trevor Joy

Trevor is the Executive Pastor of Providence Church in Frisco where he has served on staff for 2 years and has been a member for 3. Before taking this role he served as Small Groups Pastor where he launched and developed a Small Groups Ministry from a ground-level two groups to its current state of 23 groups. He works with several church planters on developing strategies for creating and sustaining effective Small Group models in their church context.

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## Role of Small Groups

- What do you want to accomplish by instituting small groups?
- How do you want to implement it?
- What do you do there?
- What should I be reading?

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## Role of Small Groups

- What should I be reading?  
*Building a Church of Small Groups*  
**Donahue & Robinson**  
*Creating Community*  
**Stanley & Willits**  
*The Connecting Church*  
**Frazer**  
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## Role of Small Groups

- REVEAL: Where are You?  
Hawkins et al.



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## Coming Changes

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## Small Groups in a planting context...

- What is your context?
- What is your goal?
- What is your strategy?
- Who leads who?

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## Small Groups in a planting context...

- What is your context?

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## Small Groups in a planting context...

- Who leads who?

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## Resources

- *Why Small Groups?* C.J. Mahaney
- *Life Together* Dietriche Bonhoeffer

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