

# Relational Ministry

## What is it?

Relational Ministry is spreading the Gospel message through building relationship. Through relationships, we can enter into the level in which another person may be at.

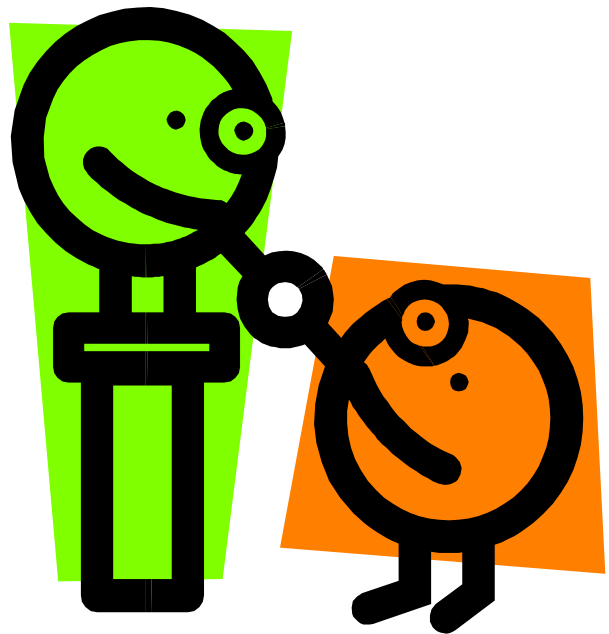
## How is this accomplished?

It is accomplished through a slow and steady process of getting to know and understand a person while still maintaining a healthy boundary. We must try to understand the place in which the other is coming from and meet them at that place just as Christ meets us at the place in which we are at.

## Witness Talks

### Purpose

The purpose of a witness is to give a real-life testimony of how God has been at work in your life. This will enable others to have concrete examples of God at work in the world in which we live in.



### Format

Witness talks are generally 3 to 5 minutes in length and should have 3 parts

1. The first part should be an overview of what your life was like before your experience with God.
2. The second part should be about what God did in your life.
3. The third part should be about how your life has been since experiencing God.

# Small Groups

**Small groups allow us to teach and discuss on a more personal and intimate level. As a small group leader, your role is to facilitate healthy and Christ-centered conversations. Small groups are meant to be a safe and comfortable place where individuals can feel free to share what is in their hearts and ultimately dive deeper into their faith**

## Tips for Small Groups

- \*Stay positive. Be comfortable, not nervous! Or they will be too.
- \*Good to do re-introductions at the beginning.
- \*Remind them:
  1. This time is for you
  2. “What’s said here, stays here”
- \*Let them see your enthusiasm to get to know them!
  - First question to ask: Was there anything that stuck out to you?
  - If you don’t get to the specific questions, that’s fine.
- \*Avoid singling someone out
- \*Silence is okay! Be sure they know that.
- \*Your job is to facilitate discussion...you don’t need to share something of your own. If you dominate, they will expect you to do that for the whole time.
- \*Affirm or recap what they’re saying.
- \*Try to make connections between what your members are saying (if the connection is truly there, of course!)

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.*

*- Colossians 3:16*