

IMPART GROUPS

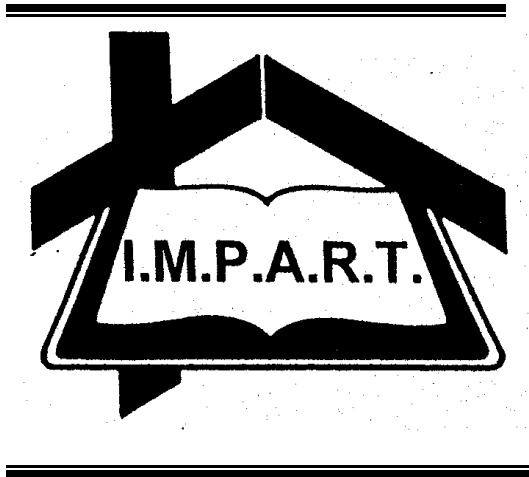
Three goals

- ◆ Grow in relationship to God
(*Discipleship & Worship*)
- ◆ Grow in relationship to each other
(*Fellowship & Ministry*)
- ◆ Grow by multiplication – (after reaching 10 to 12 weekly, grow another group)
(*Evangelism & Outreach*)

Group Values

I.M.P.A.R.T.

- ◆ Interactive, simple, Bible Fellowships conducted in homes.
- ◆ Multiplication of leaders and fellowship groups.
- ◆ Prayer undergirding everything.
- ◆ Authentic New Testament models for equipping leaders, doing ministry and congregating believers.
- ◆ Relationships as foundational to evangelism, teaching, congregating, equipping, and ministry. (Not programs, events, or institutions.)
- ◆ Teams – simple, transferable leadership is shared by co-workers at every level.



IMPART Group Vision

IMPART groups are small groups, usually meeting in homes, that might sometimes be called home fellowships, cell groups, or house churches. They provide the framework and structure through which the purposes of the church can be accomplished: **Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, Ministry, and Evangelism**. Each meeting of an IMPART group is designed to incorporate all of these purposes into the weekly group agenda.

Group Meetings

A usual meeting will involve *Fellowship* as people arrive, a period of *Worship* including simple choruses/hymns and prayer and a Bible-reading share time [15-20]. A Bible study/discussion then follows that can be conducive to both *Discipleship* and *Evangelism* [25]. Next is a time of sharing needs and concerns for prayer and *Ministry* and a period of short, simple, conversational prayer [15-20]. The session closes with a call to commitment and implementing into daily living what has been discovered [5], followed by a time of *Fellowship* (usually involving food) [30+].

IMPART Group Guidelines:

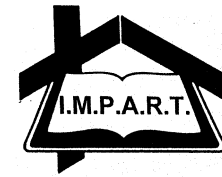
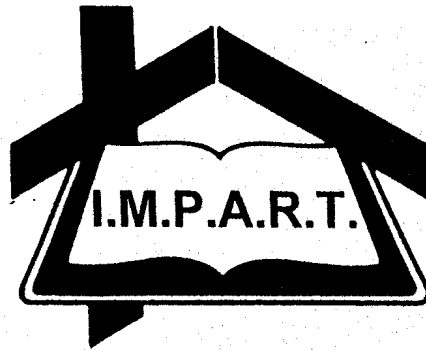
- ◆ God's Word, the Bible, is our authoritative, sufficient, and only guide for instruction and conduct.
- ◆ Bible study/discussions are purposefully simple so that believers of all maturity levels and seekers may participate freely. Interactive "question and answer" formats are used, not deep studies or lecture approaches.

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IMPART Group Guidelines:

- ◆ Groups provide accountability for relational evangelism of friends, family, neighbors, co-workers etc.
- ◆ Groups work to develop an atmosphere of love and mutual care, that allows for being open and transparent with one another. (In such an atmosphere participants can share their experiences, wisdom, abilities, and spiritual gifts in ministry one to another.)
- ◆ In order to facilitate Multiplication of groups, it is important to purpose to develop and equip new leaders. This is carried out primarily by leaders mentoring potential leaders in one-on-one apprenticeships using the IMPART Individual Training Guide. (New groups are formed by sending out Leadership Teams of two individuals or two couples to begin a new group. Splitting groups is not normally encouraged.)
- ◆ IMPART groups should encourage participants to host short-term [three-five weeks] or monthly/seasonal evangelistic Bible studies of their own in order to reach their circle of influence. The IMPART group itself may also choose to hold special fellowships on occasion to help cultivate the unsaved.
- ◆ IMPART groups are encouraged to participate as a group in various types of ministry and mission projects. [At least once every 3 to 4 months.]

- ◆ An emphasis is placed upon application of what is discovered – transformed lives. Groups purpose to IMPART the Gospel (*Evangelism*) and daily living and growth (*Discipleship*) by sharing their very lives with others [I Thess. 2:8].
- ◆ Some IMPART groups relocate every two to three months into a different home location to cultivate and minister in a new area.



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*...we were well pleased to **IMPART**
to you not only the gospel of God,
but also our own lives, because you have
become so dear to us.
I Thess. 2:8*