

	Holistic Small Group (SG) Models				Other SG Models		House Church
Characteristics	5x5	G12	Growth Groups	Cell Church	Free Market	LTG	Simple Church Network
Relational Bib. Study	yes	yes	yes	yes	maybe	no	yes
Freedom to Share	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Service, In/Outward	yes	yes	yes	yes	maybe	yes	yes
Leadership Dev.	yes	yes	yes	yes	maybe	informal	yes
Multiplication Process	yes	yes	yes	yes	maybe	yes	yes
Defining Characteristics	Jethro Organizational Structure	Everyone is a leader in training	Grows out of the Seventh-day Adventist mission	First model to emphasize the people are the church	Interest/hobby centered	2 – 4 people	When one does not “go to” church they have to become the church
Leadership	Leader/Assist. Leader	Co-Leaders	Co-Leaders	Leader/Assist. Leader	Usually one leader	no “leader”	CORE4 Team
Training	One day training	One day training	One day online training	Multiple days over weeks	High maintenance for church staff	Very high accountability	Online training with live coaching
Multiplication	When assistant leader is ready	When someone is willing	When someone is willing	When assist. Is ready	no intentional	When 4 th person is added	When a CORE4 is ready
Miscellaneous	World's largest church uses this model	Grew from a desire to find a way for faster multiplication than 5x5	Recommended by the North American Division	Taught at Andrews University	Uses a verity of interests/hobbies to build friendships	Specific set of accountability questions	Lay-led church planting
Strengths	Systematic	Fast leader development	Developed within the Adventist context	Better cell group & cell church service integration than other models	Good job of connecting with secular people	Small typically grows faster	Can train anyone no matter where you live
	Long history	Fast multiplication	Successfully reaches irreligious people			No “organization” needed	Saves thousands of \$ in building maintenance Empowers laity
	Develops community; Outreach focused; Relational Bible study						
Weaknesses	Slow Leader Dev	Not as systematic	Viewed as optional and extra in a Constantian church model	Requires a lot of training to understand	Does not build longterm trust	Questions can be intimidating	Fewer controls
	Slow multiplication	Feels “loose”		Limited receptivity in Adventism	No long term commitment	Often used in conjunction with house churches	Possibility of disconnecting from the world church Congregationalist thinking
	These models work in conjunction with a Constantine church model which means: public buildings + clergy/Bible workers + multiple programs/ministries = “real” church						
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