HOW TO RUN CARE GROUP – Part 1
Gateway Adventist Centre

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What is Gateway Adventist Center (GAC)?

Ministry started by a few SDA young people 19-22 y.o.

1. A network of care groups (small group ministry) and many overseas care groups

2. New Church in the city of Melbourne. 1st church grew from 35 to 150 in 4 years. 2nd Church started May 08. 3rd church planted in August 2012.

3. Training Centre to train young people to be soul-winners for Christ & courses to reach the community via ‘needs-based’ courses

4. Church sponsoring the Student Club (Adventist Student On Campus) at 3 University Campuses

Gateway is an Outreach center – Over 130 baptisms 90% retention rate & top 3 churches in Tithe
Mark 2:3 – Four men – passion for the friend

Mark 2:4 – Effort required by team, bring to Jesus

Mark 2:5 – Living out their faith (Witnessing)

Luke 5:25 – depart to his own house, glorifying
CARE/Cell Groups

Teaching in CARE Group
Many of us teach or lead the sharing in our small groups. Here you will find some principles and practical tips on how to teach... (more)

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The Privilege of Sharing Jesus with Others
Despite many of us taking for granted the privilege of sharing Jesus with others, Pr Mark describes it as 'the greatest joy... (more)

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What is the Uniqueness of the SDA Message?
What make SDAs unique? Is it the message of the Second Coming? Is it the state of the dead? (more)

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#1 – Visualising the ‘End Game’

#2 – Principles of CARE groups

#3 – FAQ : Frequently Asked Questions
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True Disciple

‘Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary. He who drinks of the living water becomes a fountain of life. The receiver becomes a giver.’ – Desire of Ages p.195
What is the ‘End Game?’

Goals:

- Souls are won; people are **baptised**
- Groups will grow in Spiritual depth
- Group will grow in number and multiply
What is the ‘End Game?’

CARE Group Operations:

- 8 to 10 people
  Like ‘family’
  1 Leader
  1 Carer
  Leader’s accountability to
  Leader’s CARE Group
#1 – Visualising the ‘End Game’

#2 – Principles of CARE groups

#3 – FAQ : Frequently Asked Questions
CARE Group Components in Acts 2:42

‘And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.’ – Acts 2:42
Components of CARE Groups – ‘fellowship and in break of bread’

What is the model?
Three equally important parts:

1. Sharing a meal

Keep it simple healthy vegetarian; not a 5 course meal!

Roster for members and regular seekers (encourage participation)

Encourage fellowship during meal times (e.g. icebreaker at the table)

Keep to time (40-50 minutes)

Celebrate birthdays with something special
What is the model?
Three equally important parts:

① Sharing a meal

② Word – relevant & simple

Bible & Bible alone; no book reading

Teach using a series (Gateway Website)

Relational with strong application

35 minutes (not doctrinal time)

Not be ashamed to share the unique Adventist beliefs; to stir interest

Questions to be handled by asking them to expand and give a ‘bible-based’ response

Train leaders to know 3 verse reference per major Bible theme e.g. Sabbath
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What is the model?
Three equally important parts:

① Sharing a meal

② Word – relevant & simple

③ Sharing Time
  - ‘How was your week?’
  - ‘Anything to pray for?’

Everyone can answer these 2 questions
Start with the leaders / members first
Sharing depth is modelled by the leader
Break to smaller group if required
Listen well to their heart needs
Pray intentionally by claiming Bible promises
Ask permission to write into prayer book
Seekers can see the power of the living God
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Principles of CARE Groups

What is the model?
Three equally important parts:

1. Sharing a meal
2. Word – relevant & simple
3. Sharing Time
   - ‘How was your week?’
   - ‘Anything to pray for?’

Wholistic CARE Groups

‘Left-Hand’ Illustration:

- Community
Evangelistic meetings tied to CARE Groups are more effective!
What is the model?
Three equally important parts:

1. Sharing a meal
2. Word – relevant & simple
3. Sharing Time

- ‘How was your week?’
- ‘Anything to pray for?’

Wholistic CARE Groups

‘Left-Hand’ Illustration:

- Community
- Leadership
Profile of an effective CG leader ...

**KEY:** Heart for people

Know why we are SDA Christians

Spiritual grounded (‘living Word’)

Relational and authentic people

Not Functional only

Able to organise
What is the model? 
Three equally important parts:

① Sharing a meal
② Word – relevant & simple
③ Sharing Time

- ‘How was your week?’
- ‘Anything to pray for?’

Wholistic CARE Groups

‘Left-Hand’ Illustration:
- Community
- Leadership
- Evangelistic
Baptism of Tommy – a Sunday-church Pentecostal Christian, now serving as CARE group leader
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   - ‘How was your week?’
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Wholistic CARE Groups

‘Left-Hand’ Illustration:
- Community
- Leadership
- Evangelistic
- Accountability
Accountability

- Leader + Carer

CG Leaders Monthly CG Meeting

Mentor by CG Coordinators (board position)

Curriculum / Study Series - Review

Supportive structure

CG Coordinators
  -- Functional role
  -- People mentorship roles
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2. Word – relevant & simple
3. Sharing Time
   - ‘How was your week?’
   - ‘Anything to pray for?’

Wholistic CARE Groups

‘Left-Hand’ Illustration:

- **C**ommunity
- **L**eadership
- **E**vangelistic
- **A**ccountability
- **R**eproducing thru Training
‘He who begins with a little knowledge, in a humble way, and tells what he knows, while seeking diligently for further knowledge, will find the whole heavenly treasure awaiting his demand. The more he seeks to impart light, the more light he will receive. The more one tries to explain the word of God to others, with a love for souls, the plainer it becomes to himself. The more we use our knowledge and exercise our powers, the more knowledge and power we shall have.’

– Christ Object Lessons  p.354
Q & A