

# EVANGELISTIC SMALL GROUPS

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**SMALL GROUPS WORKING TOGETHER**  
CHANGING THE WORLD



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## Our Philosophy

Our philosophy for evangelism and church growth is articulated in the statement below taken from the book, Ministry of Healing.

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## Our Process

Our evangelistic process is designed to engage the three definitive events that emerge from the method Jesus used;

MINGLE

MINISTER

FOLLOW ME

Essential to the success of people responding to Christ's call to follow Him was the timing of that call in relation to Christ mingling with people, and ministering to their needs.

We believe that not only are the individual elements of the process important, but that the order and the intentionality of the process is just as important.

## Our Plan

Our annual evangelistic plan is to implement the process in recurring quarterly cycles that alternate between Home Work cycles and Field Work cycles.

Every member is given a role to play and becomes an integral part of a small group. These small groups use the philosophy and the process both in the field and at home.



## Our Mission

Our mission begins at home, working to spiritually grow our members, recover and restore those who are missing, to nurture those who are new, and to foster a spirit of unity that demonstrates our call to be one.

Our mission to the community around us includes the intentional ordering of our efforts, creating well researched and specifically targeted plans, engaging those plans in service to our community by ministering to needs, and by sharing a Biblically branded faith in the context of our unique Seventh-day Adventist identity.



The New Testament word for "church" is ecclesia. It is formed by two Greek words, ek (out) and kaleo (to call). The Church. The called out ones.

It was commonly understood that the New Testament church, the ones upon whom the power of the Holy Spirit fell on the day of Pentecost, were a special and unique people who were called out for a very special and unique purpose.

They were called to be a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a peculiar people.

And so are we.

We are called to make a difference in our homes and in our familiar surroundings. Our Husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, children and friends and co-workers should all be bettered by our passion to help **Grow** and **Nurture** their own God-given callings.

We are Called to **Recover**

# We Are Called

and **Restore** our loved ones, lost when storms blur the paths that mark life's journey. We are called to make the journey as **One**, together, hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, united in our passionate love for our god and for each other.

We are also called to make a difference in the World, doing our very best to make the world and our communities a better place. We are called to make a difference in the lives of the poor and the indigent, the helpless and the hopeless. We are called to an intentional **Ordering** of our efforts so that our work will be more effective and efficient as we follow the leading of the Holy spirit.

We are called to study the communities in which we work and to develop spirit led **Plans** that will make a decided difference. We are called to **Serve** in a way that wins confidence and we are called to **Share** the Message of a crucified, risen, and coming again Savior.

"For even hereunto were ye called because Christ suffered for us, leaving us and example that you should follow in His steps:"

- 1 Peter 2:21

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling..."

- Eph 4:4

"For he that is called in the Lord. being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant."

- 1 Cor. 7:22

"...and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords and King of Kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

- Rev. 17:14

# *We are Called...*

## *To Grow*



by studying, praying, and  
worshiping together in our  
effort to mature our  
relationships with each  
other and with God

Existing  
Members

## *To Recover & Restore*



by searching out missing  
members in order to  
recover and restore them  
to fellowship with Jesus  
and His church

Missing  
Members

## *To Nurture*



by welcoming, celebrating,  
disciplining, and engaging  
new friends into the  
discipleship of Jesus and  
the fellowship of His  
church

New  
Members

## *To Be One*



by fostering community  
and establishing unifying,  
loving relationships among  
all of our church members

All  
Members

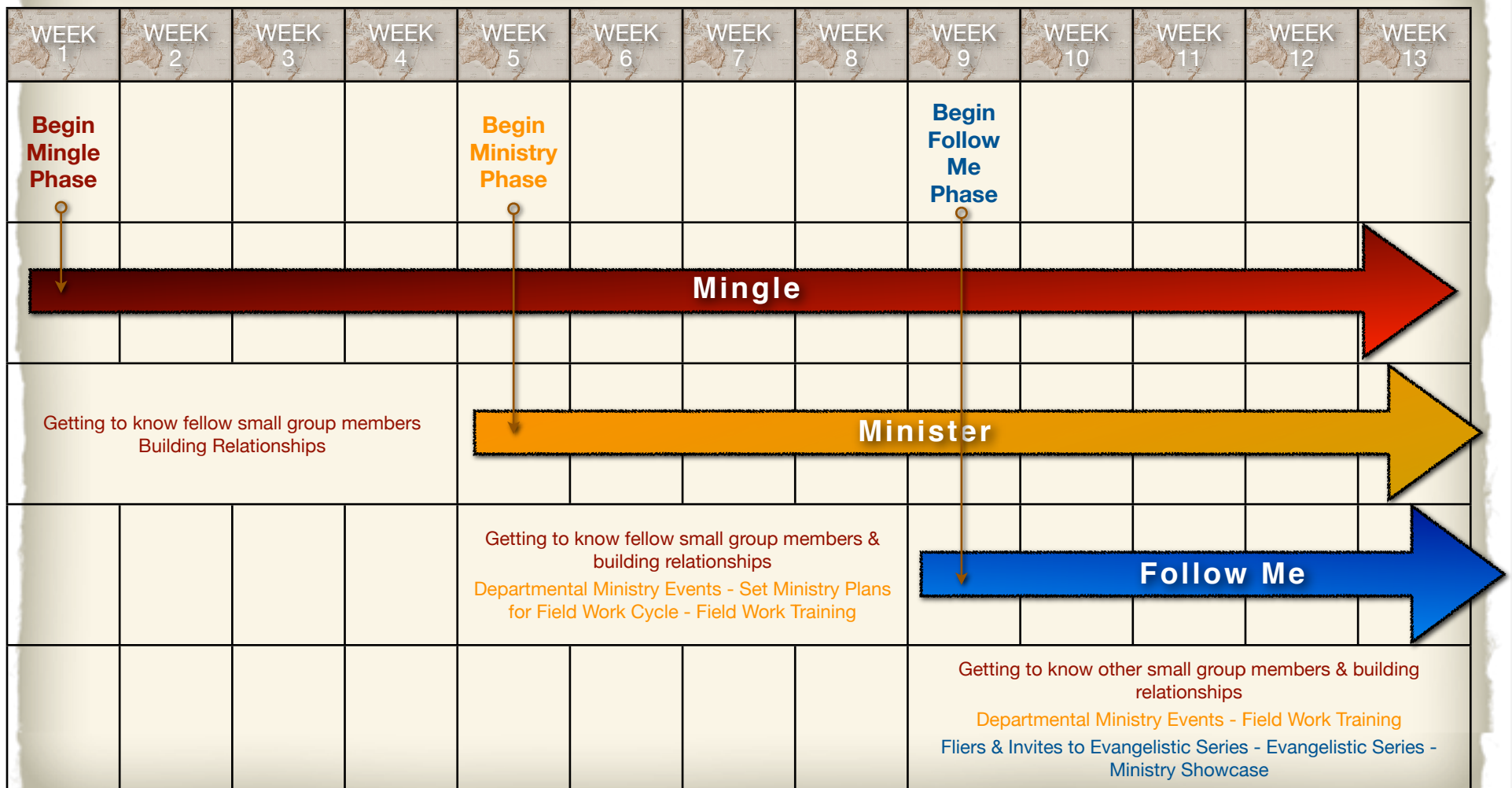
## HOME WORK

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# Home Work Cycle





# *We are Called ...*

*To Plan*



by collecting and collating current and relevant data and developing ministry plans for the specific communities where our church works

*Our Work*

*To Order*



by ordering, defining, mapping, and tracking areas where our church mingles, ministers, and disciples in the community

*Our Plans*

*To Serve*



by projects, events, and relationships that result in developing healthy interaction with and among the communities where our church works

*Our Communities*

*To Share*



by projects, events, and relationships that result in establishing Biblically branded faith in the communities where the church works

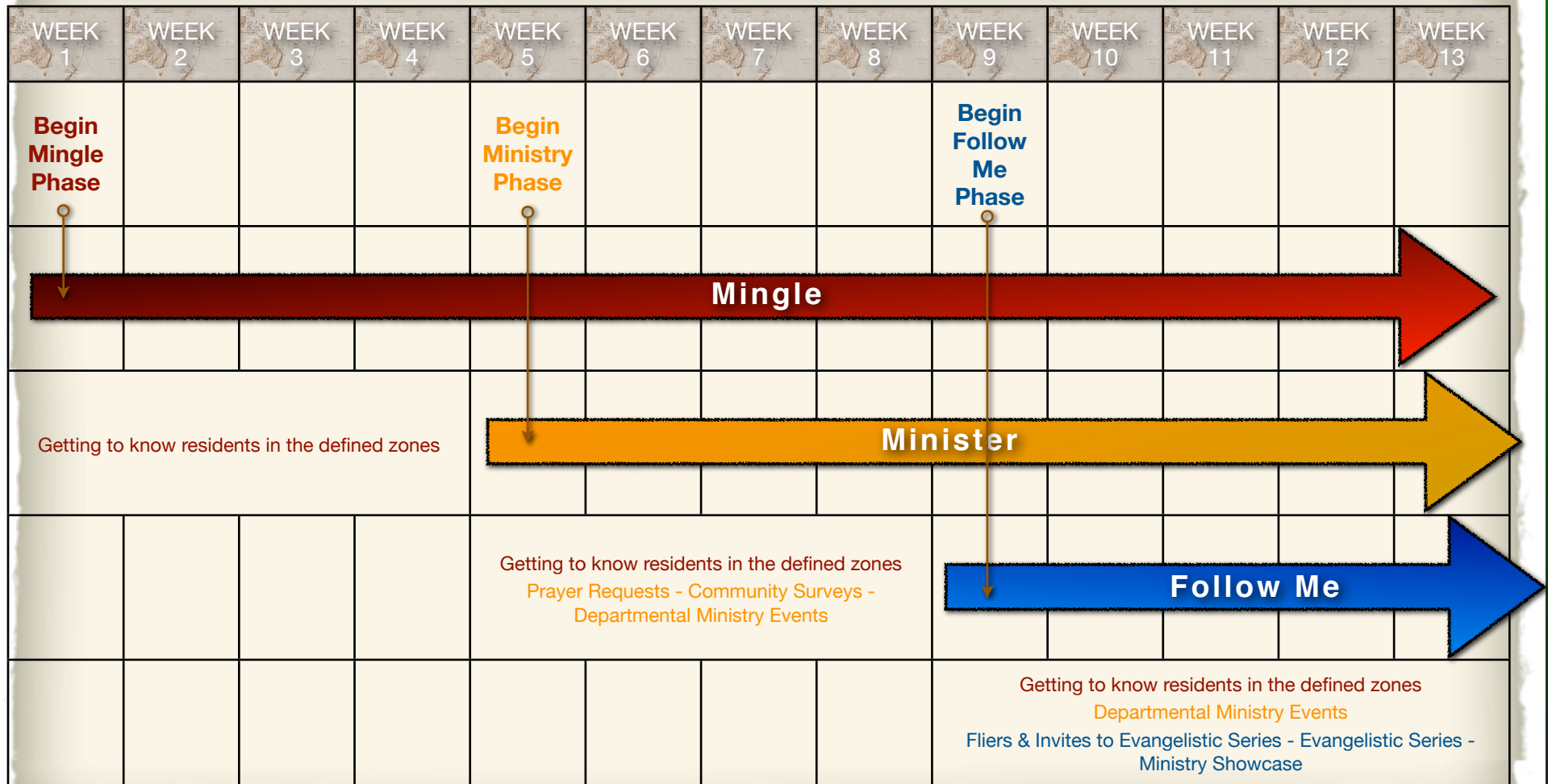
*Our Faith*

FIELD WORK

Our mission to the community around us includes the intentional ordering of our efforts, creating well researched and specifically targeted plans, engaging those plans in service to our community by ministering to needs, and by sharing a Biblically branded faith in the context of our unique Seventh-day Adventist identity.



# Field Work Cycle



# Small Group Anatomy

## Mission Critical Core

These are group members who serve in departments of the church that are critical to achieving the functions of the group.

## Active Members

Members who attend regularly and are actively involved in the ministries of the church.

## Active Non-Member

Non-members who attend regularly and are actively involved in the ministries of the church.

## Missing Members

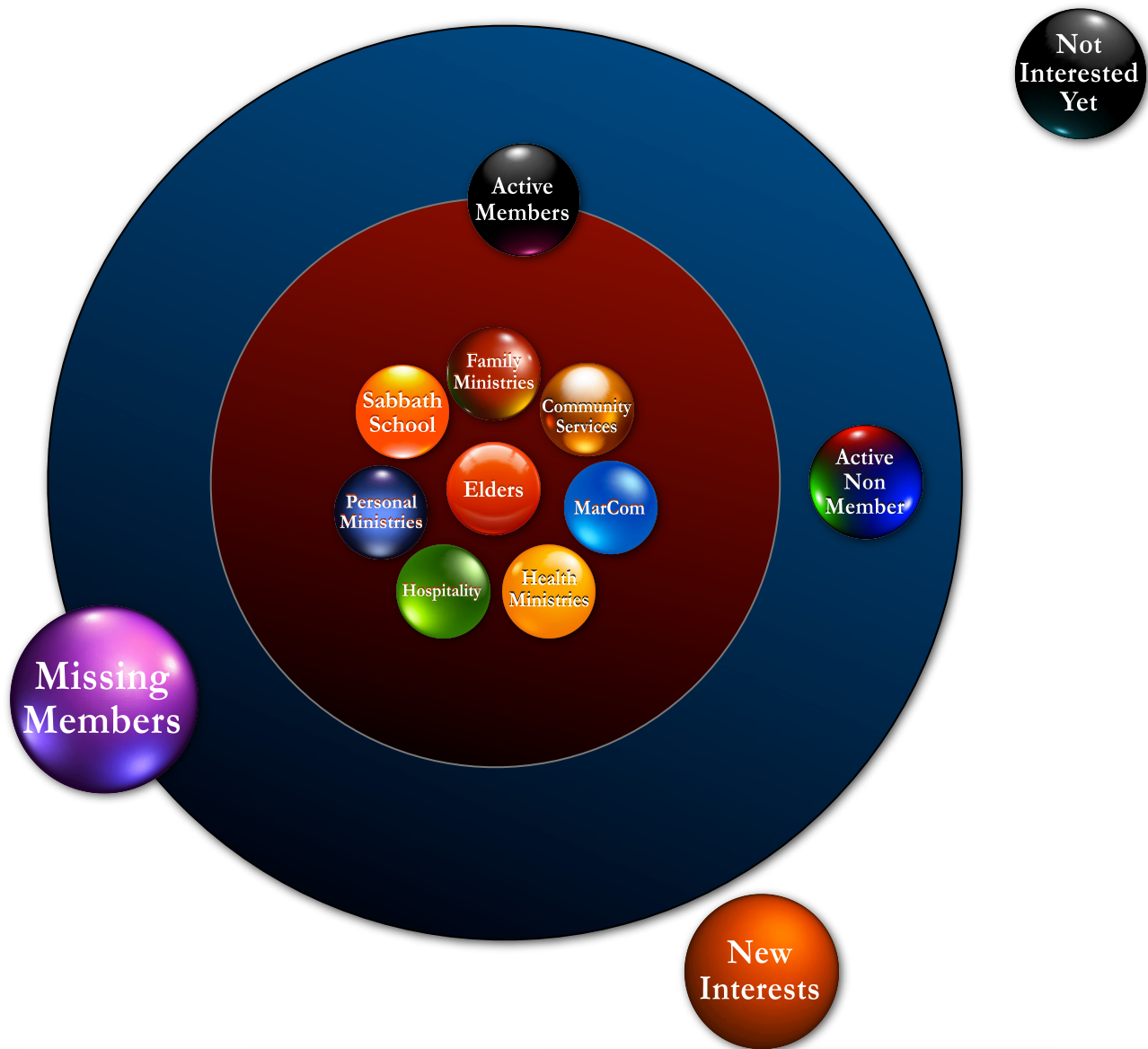
Members who are irregular attenders and who are not actively involved in the ministries of the church.

## New Interests

Non-members who have attended any of our church functions and have shown interest in our fellowship.

## Not Interested Yet

Non-members who may have attended our church functions and have shown disinterest in our fellowship.





| 1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER<br>HOME WORK CYCLE |     |     | 2 <sup>ND</sup> QUARTER<br>FIELD WORK CYCLE |     |     | 3 <sup>RD</sup> QUARTER<br>HOME WORK CYCLE |     |     | 4 <sup>TH</sup> QUARTER<br>FIELD WORK CYCLE |     |     |
|--|-----|-----|---|-----|-----|--|-----|-----|---|-----|-----|
| Jan  | Feb | Mar | Apr   | May | Jun | Jul  | Aug | Sep | Oct   | Nov | Dec |
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|  | Growing Existing Members  | Recovering Missing Members                                | Nurturing New Members   | Fostering Community   |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| <i>HW Mission Critical Departments</i>                   | Sabbath School  | Elders  | Hospitality   | Family Ministries   |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Home Work Cycle Objectives</b> | to help build an average 70% attendance rate at 10:00am by the 8 <sup>th</sup> Sabbath in the cycle | to make 6 contacts with each missing member of each group | to make 1 Home visit per quarter to every new member assigned<br>to develop 3 unique ways of integrating new members into church life | to create a metric that measures group unity (3)<br>to implement 3 Team Building Exercises & measure their effectiveness with 80% involvement |
| <i>We Are Called To...</i>                               | <b><i>GROW</i></b>  | <b><i>RECOVER &amp; RESTORE</i></b>                       | <b><i>NURTURE</i></b>   | <b><i>BE ONE</i></b>  |

|  | Logistics   | Demographics   | Community Development  | Faith Development   |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| <i>FW Mission Critical Departments</i>                   | MarCom  | Clerks/Health  | Community Services   | Personal Ministries   |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Home Work Cycle Objectives</b> | to map Field Work zones for the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter Field Work cycle<br>to take the group on 3 prayer walks thru the areas designated as 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter Field Work zones | to create instruments for gathering demographic data<br>to create the system for reporting & storing data<br>to train groups on gathering & storing data | to plan & organize 3 group driven Community Service events for the upcoming Field Work Cycle | to implement 3 Mingling Training Sessions for the next Field Work Cycle |
| <i>We Are Called To...</i>                               | <b><i>ORDER</i></b>   | <b><i>PLAN</i></b>   | <b><i>SERVE</i></b>  | <b><i>SHARE</i></b>   |