



Healthy Groups Keep A Balance In What They Do: Spend equal amounts of time connecting with each other (Fellowship), prayer and sharing how God is working in your life (Worship), growing in your faith through study and discussion (Discipleship), serving others both inside and outside your group (Ministry), and reaching out to those around with the message of Jesus Christ (Evangelism).

Fellowship:

- ⊙ How are you doing? Catch us up on your life. What has been a high and a low in your life since this group last met? How have you seen God work in your life since this group last met?
- ⊙ What is something that you do not do yourself- that you always get someone else to do for you? Why do you not do that yourself?

Discipleship:

- ⊙ In a scene that had to have looked like something out of a Monty Python movie we see God proving to the Israelites that he was in charge and taking care of them.
 - *It is important to realize that God had to protect the Israelites from enemies who wanted to destroy them because they were the chosen people through whom the Savior Jesus Christ would be born.*
- ⊙ Read Exodus 17:8-16
- ⊙ God caused the Israelites to win when the staff of God was raised in the air.
 - ⇒ Do you think God's power resided in the staff itself or do you think God's power resided in Moses' faith in God and was simply symbolized by the staff?
 - ⇒ What is the difference?
 - ⇒ What would be the result of believing the power resided in the staff?
 - ⇒ What would be the result of believing the power resided in Moses' faith?
 - ⇒ Do we at times today put our faith in something instead of in God himself? What might be some of the things we put our faith in aside from God?
 - ⇒ *Want to dig a little deeper?... Is it possible for us to put our faith in religious things and never put our faith in God himself? i.e. going to church, following the 10 commandments, the way in which we worship, the act of baptism... What is the problem with putting our faith in religious things instead of in God.*
- ⊙ This story is odd, it is almost comical. Moses risked people ridiculing him and saying he was crazy by having this story written down. Why, with the potential risks of ridicule, did Moses have this story written down?
- ⊙ Are there times today when we are apprehensive to tell others how we have observed God work for fear that we will be ridiculed or viewed as crazy? What are some ways in which you have observed God work that you have debated telling anyone about?



