

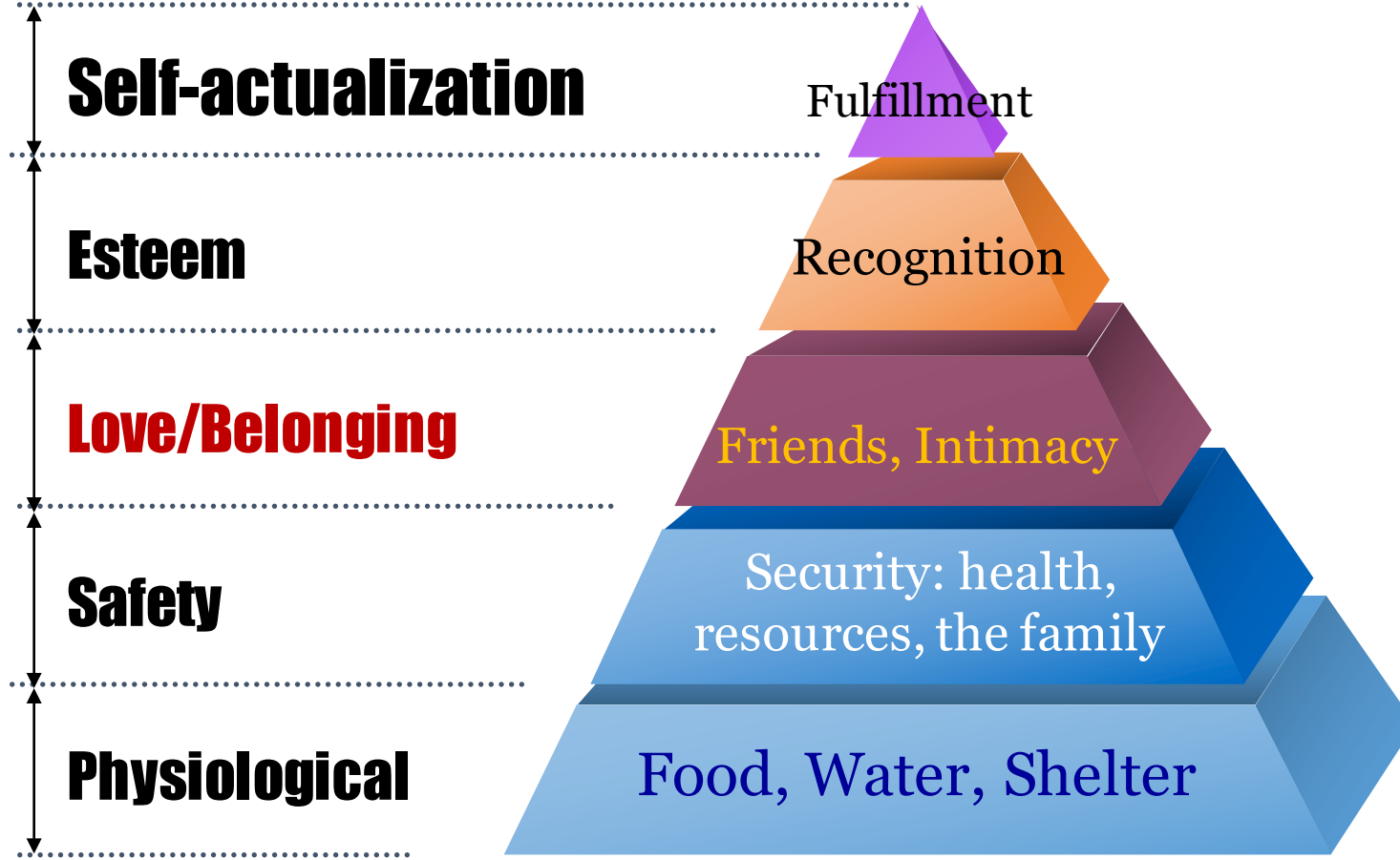


# **Fellowship & Discipleship**

**For Retention and Reclamation**

- **Today's American Needs for Spirituality**
  - ① Meaning and Purpose of Life
  - ② Mutual Relationship through Community
  - ③ Recognition
  - ④ Listening
  - ⑤ Growth of Faith
  - ⑥ Practical Help for Mature Religious Life

**70% of Americans don't think the conventional church is fit to settle these issues.** (Gallup's Report, 1992)



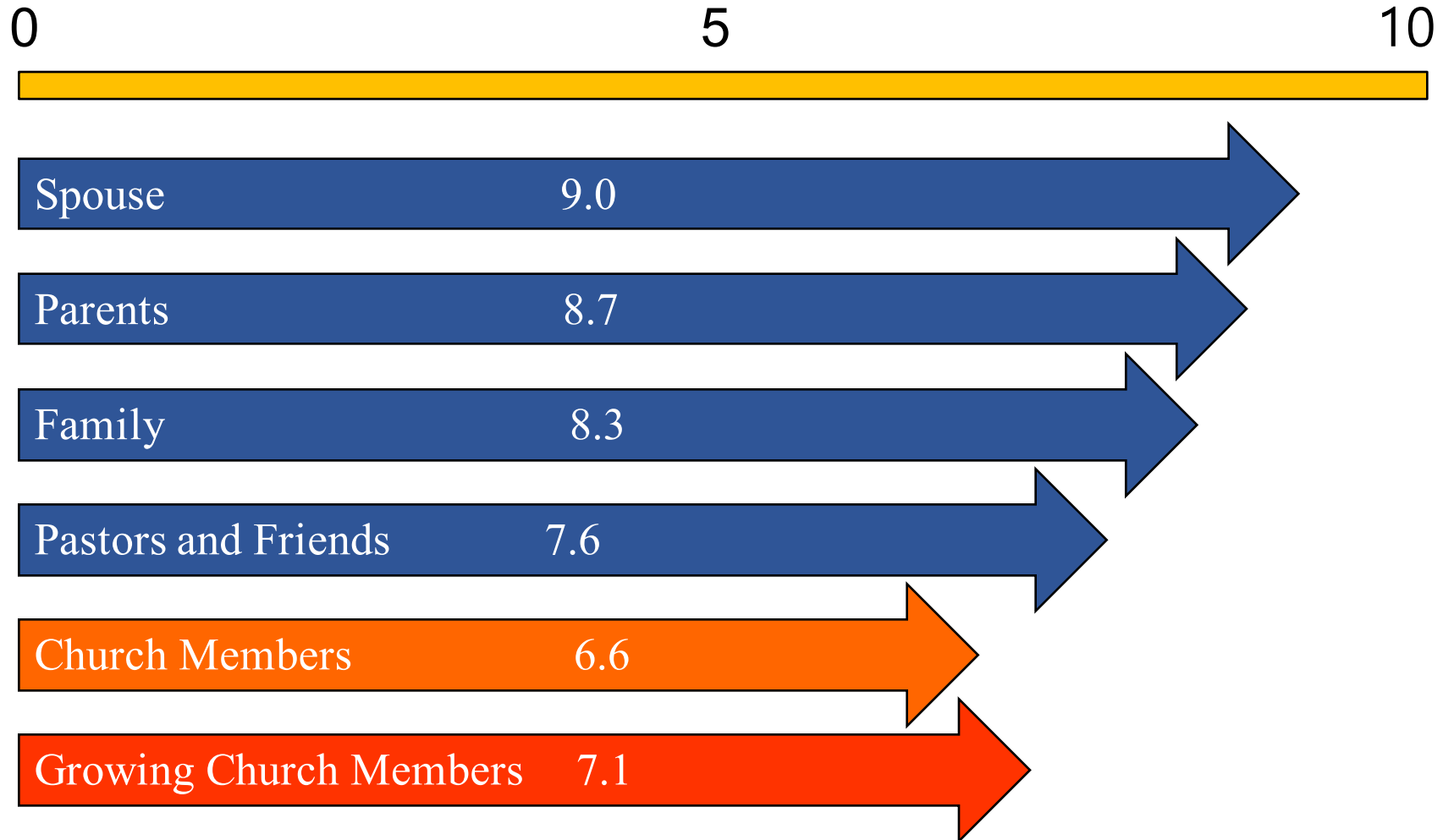
**Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs**

# Where do they want to go?

- Why do people prefer that church to others?  
#1. “Because they felt warmly welcomed.”



# Love & Caring Quotient



# When do People Leave a Church?

**Charles Arn** – Most of the newly baptized leave a church between 8 weeks and 12 weeks (three months) and the rest of them leave between 6 months and 1 year after their baptism. Usually 80 % of the newly baptized leave a church within a year.





Friends	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9+	Sum
Active	0	0	0	1	2	2	8	13	12	12	50
Inactive	8	13	14	8	4	2	1	0	0	0	50

# **Spiritual Community**

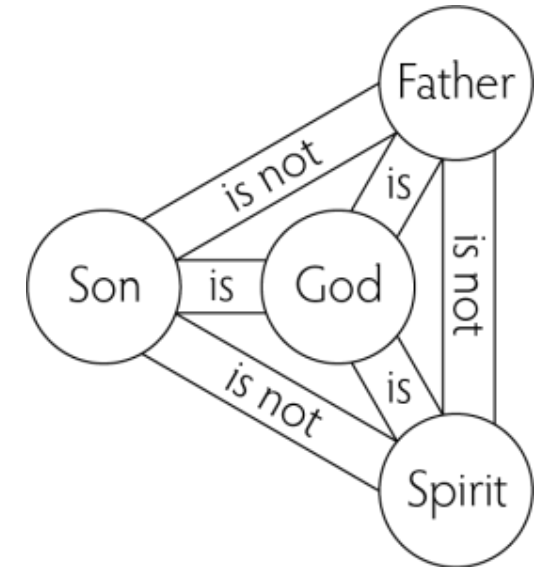
Community is a Christian gathering in family atmosphere with a common belief system that interacts constructively with each other and encourages participation to enhance members' faith and ministry.





# God in Community

(Gn 1:26) Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."



# Jesus Loves Spiritual Community

(Mk 3:14) He appointed twelve that **they might be with him** and that he might send them out to preach



## The Early Church

(Ac 2:44) All the believers were **together** and had everything in common.

(Ac 2:45) They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

(Ac 2:46) Every day they continued to meet **together** in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate **together** with glad and sincere hearts,

(Ac 2:47) praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

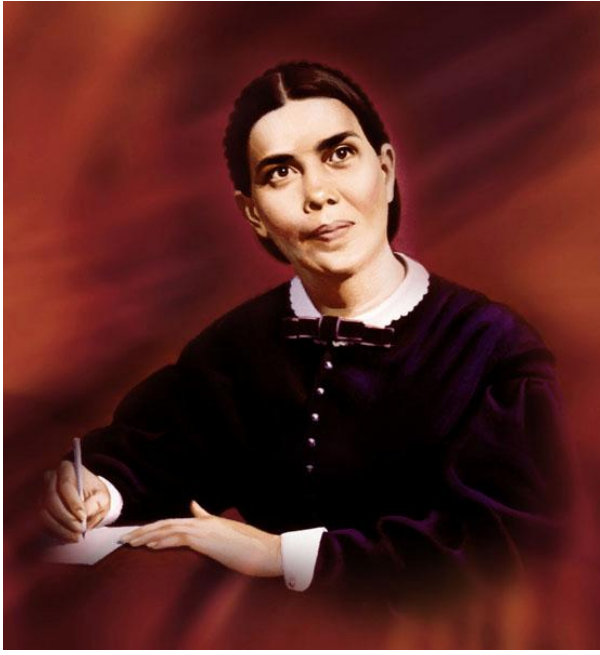


## ➤ **Historical**

- ① The Early Church & Home Gathering – 10% of Roman Empire population (50 million) were Christians at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Century A.D.
- ② Waldensians – Lay-centered small groups and mission activities on the farm and at homes
- ③ Anabaptists – Home meetings four or five times a week with no church buildings
- ④ Pietist Movement – Philip Spener espoused and developed the small group as “small churches within a church”

- ⑤ Moravians – Devoted to personal renewal and overseas mission through home meetings.
- ⑥ John Wesley – Spiritual revival through class meeting/ Methodist Church
- ⑦ Millerite Movement – 25% of Millerites were Methodists/ Bible study and Prayer meetings at homes were influenced by Methodists
- ⑧ Ellen G. White – Emphasis of home meetings





“The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian efforts is a plan that has been presented before me by One who cannot err. If there is a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members but for unbelievers also.” (Ev, 115)

## ➤ **The Early Adventism - "social meeting"**

The early Adventism had the 'social meeting' early in the morning, after the Sabbath School or the worship service, and Friday evening or Saturday evening. **The social meeting consisted of testimony, praises, and prayers.** Instead of worship service, sometimes they had the social meeting.



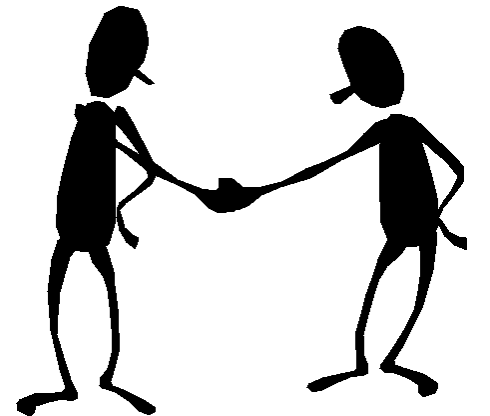
“If fewer words of human wisdom, and more of the words of Christ, were spoken, if there were fewer sermons, and more social meetings, we would find a different atmosphere pervade our churches and our camp meetings. Seasons of prayer should be held for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.” (Manuscript Releases, vol.2, 21)





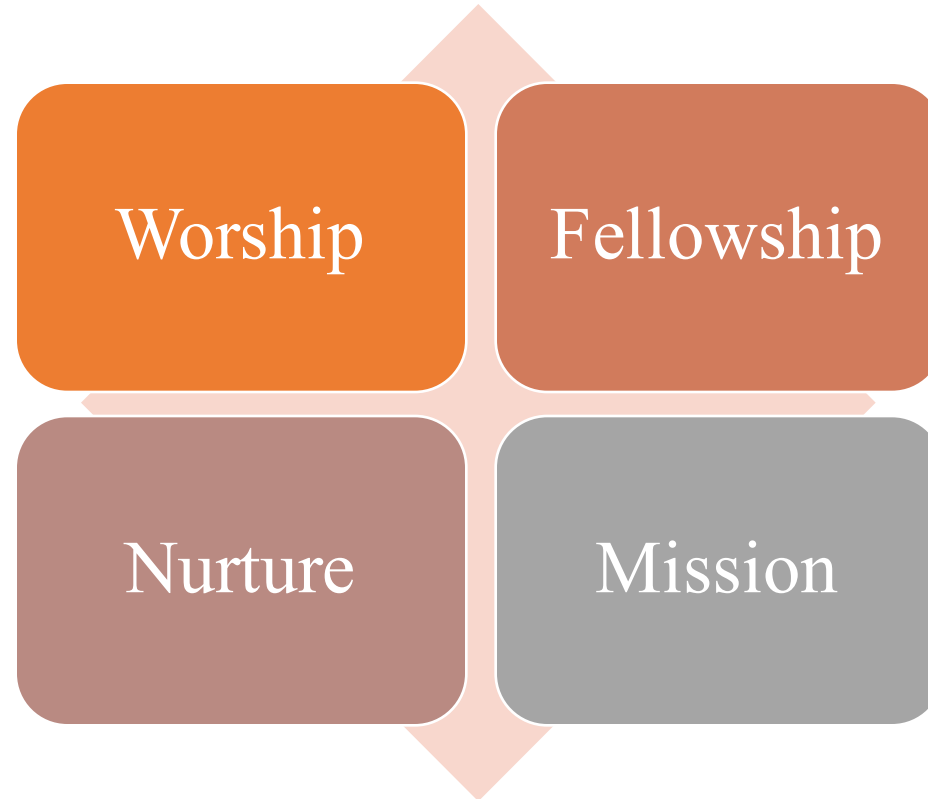
## Activities of Church Members

“If there is a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members, but for unbelievers. If in one place there are **only two or three** who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers.”(ChS, 72)



# Fellowship Group Strategy

## a. Four Functions



## b. How to lead cell group

### Welcome

- Welcome & Greetings

### Worship

- Praising and praying

### Word

- Meditating the words

### Witness

- Sharing the findings

### Work

- Interceding for friends (seekers)

# **Why are Small Group Effective?**

- **Flexibility**
- **Mobility**
- **Inclusive**
- **Personal**
- **Multiplied by division**
- **Involved in activities**
- **Effective means of evangelism**

# Friendship evangelism

“The best evangelism takes place in a context of mutual trust and respect. It takes place between friends.”

“60-90 percent of Christians has been led to the Church by their friends or relatives.” (Donald McGavran)

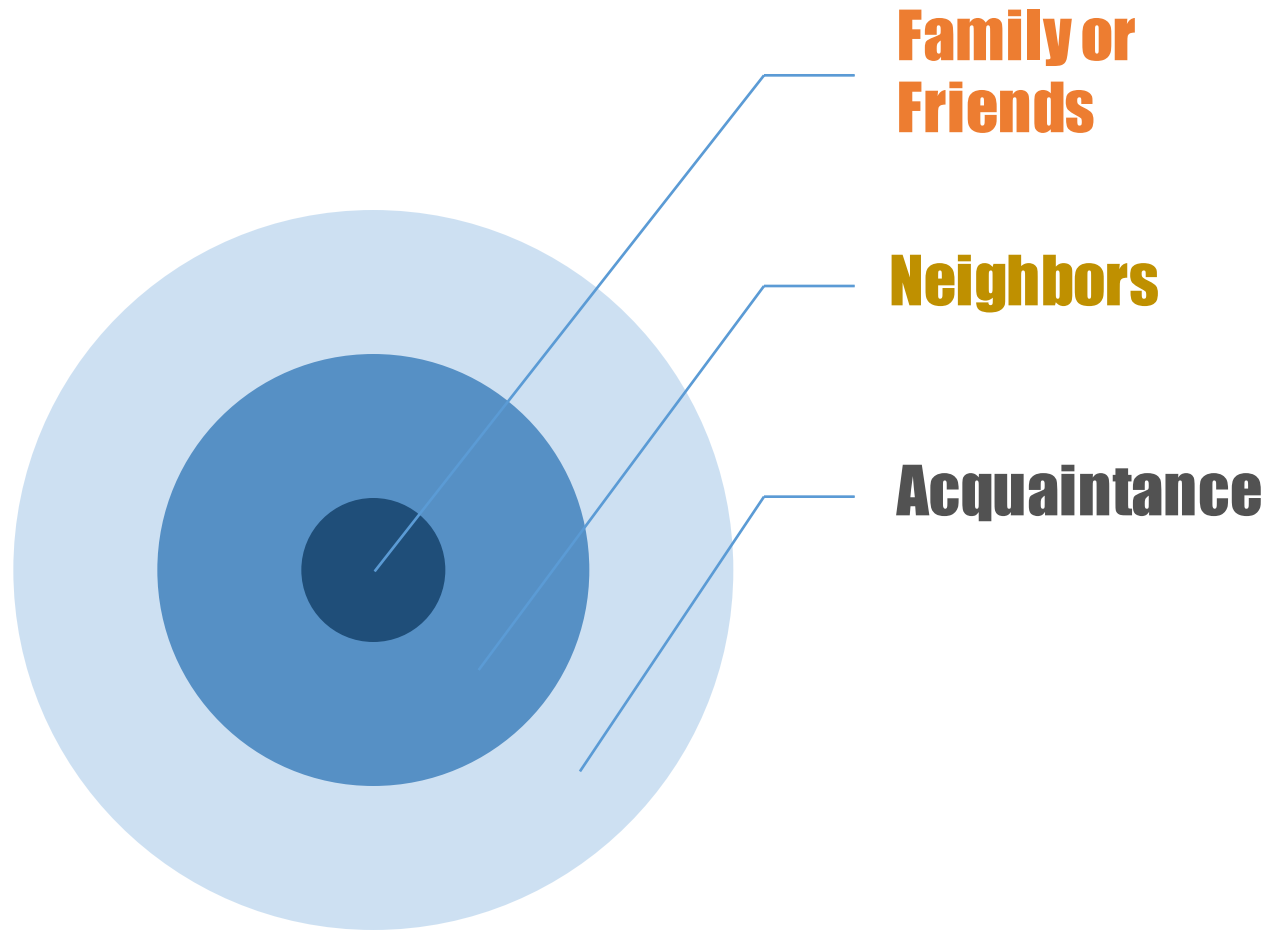


# How have they become Adventists?

<b>Friend, Neighbors</b>	<b>40 %</b>
<b>Pastors</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Relatives</b>	<b>17 %</b>
<b>Public evangelism</b>	<b>13 %</b>
<b>Adventist schools</b>	<b>9 %</b>
<b>Magazine</b>	<b>7 %</b>
<b>Radio &amp; TV program</b>	<b>7 %</b>
<b>Correspondent study</b>	<b>2-3 %</b>
<b>Others</b>	<b>2-3 %</b>

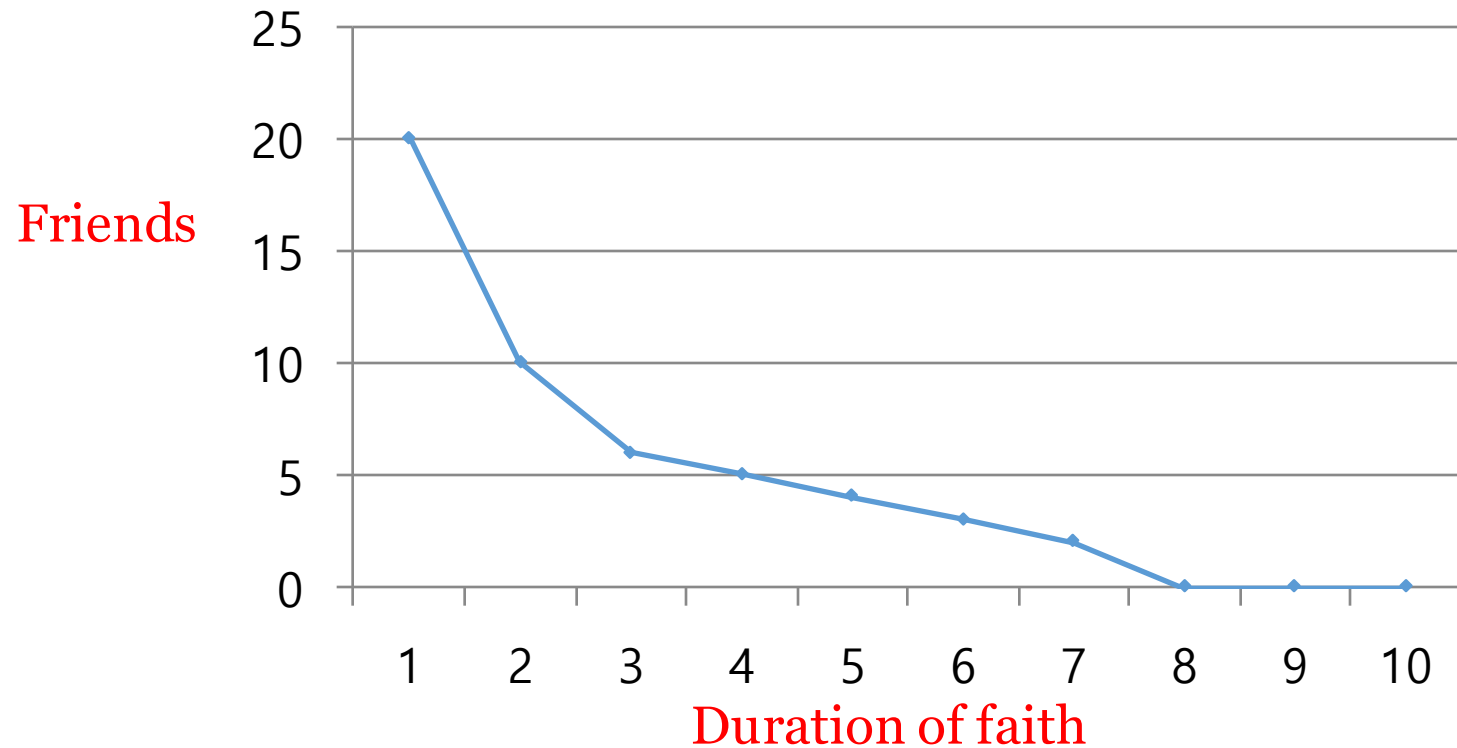
# Relationship Circle

- Target we should work for first -



- **Duration of faith & Friends**

- Bill Hybels, "*Just Walk Across the Room* "





# How to make friends

**"Living in 3D"** - Bill Hybles

- Develop Friendships
- Discover Stories
- Discern Next Steps



According to the research, most of conversion to Christianity has been done during the trauma or the period of transition in life. Six months to a year before people begin church life, most of them experienced house-moving, divorce, marriage, death of family member, birth of new family, unemployment, any stressful incidents, etc.



# **How to lead the visitor to come again**

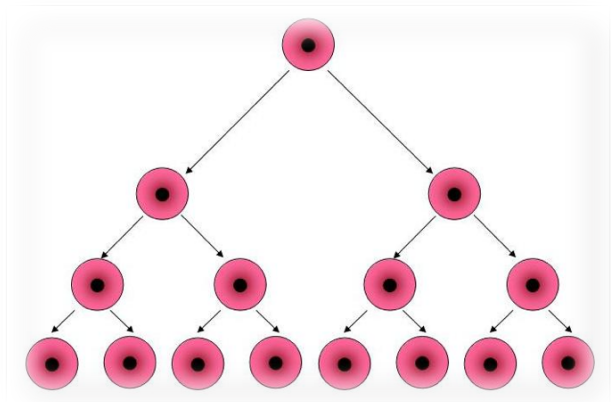
- Prompt visitation (within 72 hours)
- First visitation by a church member
- Send a greetings card
- The purpose of first visitation – fellowship for coming back

# **Discipleship through Fellowship Meeting**

- Family Atmosphere
- Finding Friends
- Learning Jesus
- Spiritual maturity
- Participation
- Sharing
- Inviting friends

## **Multiplication of Small Group & Church Growth**

- The small group is the conventional formation of 6 to 12 members. According to Joel Comiskey, it takes 9 months for 60 % of small groups to multiply. For example, seven to eight members of a small group may grow to 12 to 15 members in 6 to 12 months. But in multiplication of small groups, the most important element is the small group leader's vision and spirituality.



Church baptism : membership = 1:42 (highest 1:20)

Small Group baptism : membership = 1:4.5

Healthy small groups : multiplied in 6 months to a year

Healthy small group churches : 20% growth every year