

BRIEF #2



Developing A Local Ministry

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I. INTRODUCTION

- A. PURPOSE: The purpose of this brief is twofold:
1. To share some biblical principles for praying, planning, and developing a local CMF ministry. We are concerned with biblical principles because they remain the same in any situation, while methods will vary depending on the circumstances.
 2. To help you communicate with other local CMF leaders or staff concerning how they can encourage, equip, and/or assist you in developing your ministry.
- B. OBJECTIVES: When you have completed this brief you will be able to:
1. Demonstrate your understanding of:
 - a. What it means to be a motivated disciple;
 - b. The characteristics of authentic fellowship;
 - c. How to develop a local CMF ministry;
 2. Communicate a plan for developing a CMF ministry in your local area;
 3. Dialogue with the Home Office concerning any support and services CMF can provide.
- C. INSTRUCTIONS
1. If you are not familiar with the CMF ministry or if you want to be an official CMF leader, please complete CMF Brief #1 — “Orientation” before you proceed with this one.
 2. Read the entire brief thoroughly.
 3. If you are interested in communicating with the Home Office regarding the contents of this brief, please complete the exam at the end.

II. OUR COMMISSION

- A. IN CMF, WE ARE WORKING WITHIN THE MILITARY TO HELP FULFILL THE “GREAT COMMISSION” OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WHO SAID, “**...All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.**” (Matthew 28:18-20, NIV)
- B. Christ commissioned His disciples to a MINISTRY, just as God the Father had sent Him into the world for ministry (Matthew 28:18–20; Mark 10:45; 16:15; John 20:21).
- C. The focus of that ministry is to “MAKE DISCIPLES”. The essential meaning of discipleship is TO IDENTIFY UNRESERVEDLY WITH HIM — to become a servant as He was. His life was a sacrificial service for others, and He calls men and women to follow Him, “**...If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.**” (Luke

9:23, NIV) He intends for His Disciples to be like Himself, both in character and in action.

III. THE INDISPENSABLE INGREDIENT — MOTIVATED DISCIPLES

- A. Effective ministries are developed by people who have an absolute commitment to Jesus Christ, a basic knowledge of biblical principles and a clear vision of what God can do in the local situation. Say it again — PEOPLE WHOM THE HOLY SPIRIT USES TO CONDUCT FRUITFUL LOCAL MINISTRIES ARE COMMITTED, EQUIPPED AND HAVE A VISION!
1. COMMITMENT is a basic quality required of the disciple of Christ. Committed believers have not only received Christ as Savior, but have given up direction of their lives to Christ as Lord. They submit to God's will as their essential way of life. They live in constant fellowship with the Lord having an attitude of cheerful submission generated by their love for Christ.
 2. Being EQUIPPED is essential in order to carry on a ministry.
 - a. Knowledge of basic doctrine, of the practical principles of personal discipleship and of the principles of ministry, which comes from the Scriptures, is essential for healthy growth and the ability to minister to others. Lack of such knowledge has caused some enthusiastic Christians to be discouraged and to stop trying to have a ministry because they did not know how to go about it.
 - b. Essential as knowledge is, it is no guarantee of success. By itself, knowledge tends to make one proud (I Corinthians 8:1). Biblical knowledge must be applied practically in the believer's life through obedience to the truth, because the character of the disciple is of first importance. Without a godly life there is no genuine ministry.
 3. VISION is the one remaining quality a disciple must possess to begin a ministry.
 - a. This is the quality of seeing one's local situation from God's perspective. Vision will cause you to see the spiritual and other needs that are present, and with Christ-like concern to make yourself available to God to help meet those needs. It blends realistic awareness of needs with confidence that God will work in the situation. It is marked by enthusiasm, energy and diligence.
 - b. VISION IS IMPARTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. It cannot be generated by one's own efforts. All Christians may receive vision, provided they have a loving and submissive heart of obedience to Christ.
- B. The persons in Scripture whom God used to accomplish His purposes were totally COMMITTED to Him, EQUIPPED with the knowledge of God's truth and were granted a VISION of what God wanted them to accomplish in their specific situations (e.g. Joshua, Deborah, David, Nehemiah, Paul and Lydia). They learned directly from God through studying the Scriptures and praying, and also from mistakes and even sins.

IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, YOUR HEART IS THE KEY. IF YOUR HEART IS COMMITTED TO CHRIST, YOU WILL DESIRE AND SEEK THE KNOWLEDGE YOU NEED TO BECOME AN

EFFECTIVE SERVANT AND WILL MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE TO GOD SO YOU CAN RECEIVE VISION FOR THE WORK AHEAD.

IV. GOD'S VEHICLE FOR MINISTRY — AUTHENTIC FELLOWSHIP

- A. Any Christian group that functions biblically will be distinguished by two primary ministries. These are EQUIPPING the believers and EVANGELIZING unbelievers. Both ministries are necessary in order to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18–20).
 - 1. Equipping is the ministry of God's people to one another. Its purpose is to help each believer grow in the likeness of Christ so that God is glorified and each member becomes more capable of ministry to others.
 - 2. Evangelizing is the ministry of God's people to those outside the circle of believers. Its purpose is to bring persons to faith in and commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
- B. A local group of Christians cannot be effective unless it fulfills both ministries. If the group does not reach out to unbelievers, it becomes ingrown, smug and self-satisfied. Spiritual growth is arrested for both the individual and the group. On the other hand, if the group exists solely to evangelize, the members do not grow spiritually, their evangelism tends to become mechanical, and converts won as a result of their efforts are not adequately nurtured within the group.
- C. FELLOWSHIP is God's economy for seeing to both these ministries.
 - 1. Authentic New Testament fellowship naturally generates both equipping and evangelizing. Ephesians 4:1–16 describes how the environment of fellowship builds up each member. The passage concludes thus, ***“From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” (v. 16, NIV)*** The objective of this process is that the believers ***“...all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” (v. 13, NIV)*** As the group advances toward this lofty ideal every good work, including evangelism, will be produced from it.
 - 2. Evangelism may, in fact, be generated by the Holy Spirit in and through true fellowship. This is evident from the first two chapters of Acts. Read these two chapters and observe the powerful witness of Peter to a great crowd in Jerusalem after he had emerged from sustained fellowship among 120 believers (1:14–15; 2:1). His message, blessed by the Holy Spirit, brought conviction of sin (2:37), and some 3,000 were saved (2:41). Note secondly that there was a continuation of the fellowship practiced by these early Christians (2:42–47). It is clear that a strong witness to unbelievers was a natural outgrowth of this unique fellowship. No doubt this is what Jesus had in mind when He told the twelve, ***“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:35, NIV)***

V. A DESCRIPTION OF AUTHENTIC FELLOWSHIP

- A. The Apostle John gives us perhaps the best description of real Christian fellowship, **“...our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ...God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ...if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. (I John 1:3,5,7, NIV)** Note that a specific condition must be met for genuine fellowship to occur — there must be direct contact between each believer and the Father and the Son. This means that the believer must be "walking in the light", i.e. harboring no known unconfessed sin before God. This is possible through God's provision and promise in the blood of Christ (I John 1:7–9).
- B. WHEN AT LEAST TWO BELIEVERS COME TOGETHER WITH CLEAN HEARTS BEFORE GOD AND ACKNOWLEDGE HIS DIVINE AUTHORITY AND PRESENCE WITH THEM, THEY ARE HAVING AUTHENTIC FELLOWSHIP. Believers should be naturally drawn together out of a mutual love for Christ and the desire to please and obey Him in everything. When they thus come together, the Lord Himself is pre-eminent and there is no room for sin among them. This is authentic Christian fellowship — the fellowship of light. Here God is free to work in and through His people, accomplishing His redemptive purposes by the power of the Holy Spirit.

VI. CHARACTERISTICS OF AUTHENTIC FELLOWSHIP

- A. The analogy used by Paul to portray God's people in fellowship is the human body, with its diverse parts. The body illustrates the place and function of individual believers related to each other within a local fellowship (Read Romans 12:45 and I Corinthians 12:24–27). Paul's descriptions indicate the characteristics of a fellowship that is distinctively Christian.
1. First there is UNITY, both positional and experiential. That is, all believers are in fact unified in the body of Christ as He views them; but they can experience this unity as they place themselves under the authority of Christ, Who is the head of the body (Colossians 1:18). Christians cannot produce this unity; it is given by the Holy Spirit, but we are commanded to keep it (Ephesians 4:3; I Corinthians 1:10; Philippians 2:2).
 2. LOVE is the bond of this unique spiritual unity. **“Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.” (I Peter 1:22, NIV)** It is godly love that enables you to accept other believers unconditionally as they are, just as Christ has accepted you (Romans 15:7).
 - a. This love results in patience, gentleness, compassion, kindness and self-control within the fellowship. These qualities are evidenced by the way the disciples serve each other. The disciple loves not only with words but also with tangible acts of kindness (I John 3:18).
 - b. The New Testament fellowship is thus one of sharing, so that as both needs and blessings are shared with one another, all are mutually supported, enriched and

helped to grow together. Indeed, the root meaning of koinonia (fellowship) is “deep and comprehensive sharing.”

B. The primary activities of the early Christians when they met together were “...***the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.***” (Acts 2:42, NIV)

Put in modern terms these are Bible study, personal sharing, prayer and eating together, including communion (the Lord's supper).

1. BIBLE STUDY is the foundation of the fellowship. Scripture is studied together not simply to inform the believers in God's truth, but for the further purpose of bringing His Word to bear directly upon the needs of each person. THE BIBLE IS STUDIED FOR APPLICATION, NOT SIMPLY FOR INFORMATION.
 2. PERSONAL SHARING is best practiced in conjunction with discussion of the Word. As the searchlight of the Scripture exposes needs, these may be shared with the group. Healthy personal sharing is based on a common recognition that all are sinners, pilgrims on the journey toward Christlikeness.
 - a. Some shy away from interpersonal sharing, fearing that damaging gossip may result. There may also be sins that you should leave unmentioned in a group. It is best then for you to simply say that you are struggling with an unspoken problem and would appreciate the group's prayers. Whether or not to share a need with the group is a matter for prayerful consideration, relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Whatever the pitfalls, such sharing is commanded in Scripture, “***Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed...***” (James 5:16, NIV)
 - b. Personal sharing involves much more than just speaking words to each other. It means acting in love to meet your brother's need (if you have the means to do so). The Apostle John wrote: “***Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.***” (1 John 3:18, NIV)
 3. PRAYER is the third activity basic to fellowship. It should be the natural result of believers studying the Bible and sharing with one another.
 - a. Some individuals find it difficult to pray aloud in the presence of others. They can still participate in group prayer by their own silent prayers and by responding affirmatively to the prayers of others.
 - b. Mature, well-led group prayer will not confine itself to intercession. Praise and thanksgiving will become increasingly prominent as the group matures spiritually together. Also, a time of silent confession before the audible praying together often allows some to prepare themselves for authentic fellowship.
- C. Over a period of time, a local group can evaluate whether its fellowship is biblical. Scriptural fellowship is dynamic and proves itself two ways: it is dynamic within itself and dynamic outwardly.

1. **AUTHENTIC FELLOWSHIP CAUSES THOSE IN IT TO CHANGE.** Those who are truly disciples will become more like Christ and will minister increasingly to others in the group. Uncommitted Christians will find their self-will yielding to the will of God, and some unsaved persons within the group will become believers. The light generated by the Holy Spirit in a genuine fellowship either causes change for those submitting to Christ or it drives away those unwilling to be changed.
2. **AN AUTHENTIC LOCAL FELLOWSHIP REACHES OUT** because the inward dynamism mentioned above also produces an outward dynamism. Its members witness to their faith in Jesus Christ in many ways, reflecting the unique creativity of the Holy Spirit at work in God's people. Their outward witness is by the quality of their lives, by overt acts of helpfulness and by verbal communication of the gospel.

VII. BEGINNING AND FOSTERING A LOCAL MINISTRY

- A. The foregoing discussion brings us to the matter of how you initiate and carry on a local ministry. We are concerned with how a **CMF** ministry is begun among military people where none already exists. The following discussion reflects the experience of Christians who have launched fruitful ministries in various assignments. It follows the usual sequence of events that conform to the New Testament principles we have just examined, and it is based on the all-important prerequisite that there is a **COMMITTED, EQUIPPED DISCIPLE** with **VISION** who is available to God, i.e...**YOU**.
- B. If you are seriously concerned to see the Great Commission fulfilled, you will begin to pray about your next assignment even before you receive it. Your prayers will include the following major concerns:
 1. That God will glorify Himself through you (and your family if you are married) in the new assignment.
 2. That the Holy Spirit will prepare the hearts of people at your new station.
 3. That God will establish you professionally in your new position.
 4. That the Lord will provide at least one other person who shares your commitment.
 5. That the Holy Spirit will work in your heart and the heart(s) of the chaplain(s) to build a mutual rapport and respect.
 6. That God will lead you to the location that will facilitate beginning and carrying on a ministry.
- C. Take time to get acquainted with ministries that are already active at your station. Do this initial survey prayerfully and realistically, without a judgmental attitude. It may be best to support what is already going on rather than trying to start a formal "CMF" ministry.
- D. It is important to meet the chaplain(s), preferably by making an appointment. Begin to know the chaplain(s) on a personal basis and seek genuinely to become a friend.

1. Tell the chaplain(s) of your intention to become actively involved in the religious program. It may, however, be better to wait until you and the chaplain(s) know each other better before sharing this.
 2. It is imperative that you inform the chaplain(s) before beginning a CMF fellowship, and that you communicate this in such a way that you are not looked at as a threat to the chapel program. This can usually be done by explaining that a primary function of CMF is to support and assist the chaplain(s).
- E. Analyze your job to determine how much time you will have available for ministry. Sometimes the early weeks in a new assignment are overcrowded with the demands of new, unfamiliar duties. If you find that your normal workload will be extremely demanding, your time for outside ministry will be limited.
- F. As you settle into your new assignment, God will answer your prayers for another committed person. Meet together at least weekly, and if married, begin meeting as couples, studying the Bible, sharing desires and needs, and praying together.
1. As the vision for a dynamic fellowship develops, your prayer time can take the form of a "Pray and Plan" session (see CMF Brief #3 "The Pray and Plan Process"). Go beyond intercession for each other to seek God's guidance on how to invite others into your fellowship. From such prevailing prayer comes the prompting of the Holy Spirit about whom to contact and how to approach them.
 2. You will generally want to draw other Christians into your fellowship before seeking to reach unbelievers. As you meet together in this way, you have already begun to function as the nucleus of a larger fellowship.
- G. As others join you for fellowship, provide leadership in studying the Bible and in prayer while getting to know the others person-to-person or couple-to-couple. Continue to meet regularly with the core group for your "Pray and Plan" time, identifying needs and functioning as servants to one another and to the others in the fellowship.
1. Your servanthood can be expressed through daily prayer for individual and/or family needs, through practical help when needed and in many other ways.
 2. It is such service that sets apart the building of true fellowship and ministry from simply creating another organizational structure.
- H. Plan Bible studies to bring Scripture to bear on the needs of the group, stressing what the Word says and leading others to face the truth in personal, practical application. Be concerned for each individual's relationship with the Lord. Your objective is to see each person in the group become a true disciple of Jesus Christ, growing to spiritual maturity and motivated to be a servant to others.
- I. As people in the group grow spiritually and enjoy the fellowship, they will naturally invite others to share the good things they have found. The growth of the whole group in depth (spiritual maturity) and size (number of participants) will motivate the fellowship to begin reaching out in

more visible ways. Take care to inform the chaplain(s) as plans for special events are conceived. Seek the support of the chaplain(s) and avoid conflicting with the chapel calendar. The ideal situation would be to have CMF activities as part of the chapel program.

VIII. EQUIPPING OTHERS

- A. The primary ministry of Jesus Christ was concentrated upon twelve men. He carefully selected each of the twelve and had them live with Him through almost the whole of His public ministry (Mark 3: 14). What He came to establish by His substitutionary atonement on the cross had to be carried on throughout human history until His return. His labors were but the beginning of a ministry that His followers were to carry on as He had. Accordingly, He equipped a handful of select men to whom He could entrust the same ministry He had shown to them.
1. To equip faithful disciples with God's truth so that they could equip others has always been the vital core of Christian ministry (2 Timothy 2:1–2). The indispensable ingredient for this ministry is disciples, and these are always in short supply. Yet this remnant has comprised the people through whom God has worked His great redemptive purposes in history. He does not need large numbers to achieve His ends.
 2. In the local CMF group, therefore, it is important that those who become sincere disciples be equipped for growth and eventual ministry themselves. Work with the newer disciples on a separate, personal basis. This may be person-to-person, couple-to-couple, one person working with a small group of peers, or one couple working with two or three couples at once.
 - a. Meeting together regularly, apart from the general fellowship's other activities, gradually impart your knowledge, experience and vision to the newly committed persons. Your times together should deal with basic doctrines and principles of ministry to others. Newer disciples will observe how you conduct Bible studies and pray-and-plan sessions, how you oversee other special events and how you extend yourself in service to those in the fellowship.
 - b. Newer disciples should be given opportunities to take responsibilities in the fellowship, chapel, church, etc. as soon as they are ready.
- B. When you perform the crucial task of discipling, effective ministry later at other bases, ships and posts is assured. When you are transferred, the newer disciples are also prepared to shoulder the load. A truly biblical ministry is not transient; it reproduces itself.

IX. WHEN THE FELLOWSHIP GROWS

- A. The group may eventually grow in size to the point where it should divide. There is a point of diminishing returns in the size of one group, and it is generally reached when the group begins to exceed about twelve persons.
1. The major limitation on dividing is being able to assure adequate leadership for each new

- group. A good rule is to divide when the number of competent leaders reaches at least four. This assures two leaders for the new group and conforms to the biblical principle of having disciples work together by twos (Mark 6:7; Acts 13:2–3).
2. Each new group should locate, if possible, in an area that makes a local small group fellowship accessible to more military people and/or their families. As the entire fellowship thus grows by dividing and multiplying, its impact upon the entire installation will increase.
- B. The development of multiple groups does not mean that each group should be isolated from the others.
1. The leaders of all the groups should meet together regularly for pray-and-plan sessions. Out of these meetings come the special events for the entire military fellowship, pot luck suppers, evangelistic banquets, weekend conferences, etc.
 2. An expanded CMF fellowship that is keenly sensitive to the Holy Spirit will engage in various ministry enterprises as spiritual needs are identified. An enlarged, multi-group CMF fellowship will reach persons of all grades by one means or another in its total ministry, especially as cooperation is fostered with other ministries.

X. A WORD ABOUT GIFTS

- A. Some who read this will say to themselves, "How could I ever launch a ministry in a new place? I just don't have the gifts for it!" If we study the lives of godly men and women throughout the Bible, we note that many of the persons God used greatly were not especially gifted to begin with. Rather, **THEIR USEFULNESS TO GOD DEPENDED ON THEIR DEVOTION AND SUBMISSION TO HIM. THOSE WHO DELIGHTED TO DO GOD'S WILL WERE USED POWERFULLY.**
1. In the final analysis, your usefulness to God never depends on your gifts. God can and does give the gifts necessary to accomplish the tasks He assigns. He never asks you to do anything without also providing the means to do it.
 2. The brief history of CMF is marked here and there by people who felt that both their natural talents and spiritual gifts were limited. But as they delighted to do God's will and made themselves available to Him with no strings attached, He worked astonishing things through them wherever they were assigned.
 3. **HEART COMMITMENT IS THE KEY TO HAVING A MINISTRY.** God says, "***For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him...***" (2 Chronicles 16:9, NIV) It is not perfect people God uses, but He Who sees the hearts of all uses those whose hearts are perfect towards Him. This is simply an Old Testament description of what the New Testament calls a disciple.
- B. The forward movement of CMF has been led by those who have a "perfect heart" toward God. Such people have learned what it is to sacrifice themselves for others for Christ's sake. In so doing they have also found the ultimate purpose of life as God intends man to experience it.

They know what it is to be in exhilarating, joyful harmony with Him and with His eternal purposes on earth. They are His agents of change in the lives of other persons where He has put them. This abundant life of service is available to you if you are willing to meet the Lord's timeless condition of discipleship.

XI. YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

- A. CMF exists as a fellowship of like-minded believers who are committed to ministering within the military. As a fellowship we desire to edify, equip, encourage, help, motivate and pray for one another. There is no reason, other than your own choice, to go without the help of your fellow missionaries in uniform.
- B. CMF can provide a number of helpful resources as follows:
 - 1. PRAYER PARTNERS. Send your prayer requests to the Home Office. The staff will pray as well as publish your requests in the "Battle Plan" so the entire fellowship can intercede specifically for you.
 - 2. LITERATURE. CMF prints or purchases literature designed for your personal edification and to equip you for effective ministry. Most of it is free.
 - 3. LINK-UPS. CMF will put you in touch with fellow CMF members or other Christians when you travel or transfer.
 - 4. STAFF. A team of full-time staff are dedicated to serving you in any way possible at your request. They are available to visit and assist you wherever you are and whenever they can.
 - 5. CMF BRIEFS. A number of free "briefs" have been published by CMF that are specifically designed to provide guidance in establishing your own local ministry.
 - 6. RESOURCE GUIDE. CMF publishes this free list of ministry resources that are available to you at your request.
 - 7. CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS. CMF provides scholarships for enlisted members and their families who want to attend selected retreats or conferences. These subsidies are intended to maintain an equality between members who are in pay grades up and down the military scales. The amount of the subsidy is determined according to rank.
- C. Please write or call to let us know if there is any specific way we can serve or pray for you.

APPENDIX A — DEVELOPING A LOCAL MINISTRY EXAM

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DIRECTIONS:

1. Completing this exam is optional but recommended in order to encourage communications with the Home Office.
2. There are no “right” or “wrong” answers. The exam is “open book” and meant to be a tool to help you comprehend the material in this Brief. It can also help you open a dialogue with other CMF leaders so we can “... **consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.**” (*Hebrews 10:24, NIV*)
3. Answers are essay — please use your own words.
4. Please print or write legibly.
5. Mail or E-mail your completed exam to CMF. The staff will interact with your answers, make appropriate remarks, and promptly return the exam to you.

QUESTIONS:

1. What are three qualities of a motivated disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ? (See pages 3–4.)

2. What are you doing that will help you grow as a motivated disciple?
3. What specifically can CMF do to help you grow as a motivated disciple?
4. What are the two functions of a local group that is functioning biblically? (See page 4.)
5. How would you describe “real Christian fellowship”? (See page 5.)
6. What are the characteristics of authentic fellowship? (See pages 5–7.)
7. What specific steps can you take to begin a local ministry? (See pages 7–9.)
8. How would you go about equipping others for ministry? (See pages 9.)
9. What is the key to having a ministry? (See page 10.)
10. What can local CMF leaders or the CMF staff do to assist you? (Please include any specific prayer requests.)