

# The Differences Between Traditional Groups and Life Groups

Traditional Groups	Zarephath Life Groups
Goal is knowledge	Goal is obedience
Focus on head	Focus on head, heart and hands
Leaders teach	Leaders facilitate and train
Attendees are receivers of the Word	Attendees are reproducers of the Word
Success is measured by numbers and by information that is transferred	Success is measured by life transformation and gospel impact
Spend 1-2 hours a week together	Spend life together
Attention is given to the weekly gathering of the group	Attention is given to the gathering and scattering of the group
Members decide "if they have time" for community	Member determine "they must make time" for community
Inconsistent level of participation among members	High level of participation among members
Little is expected from members	Much is expected from members
Members attend to be served	Members attend to be trained
Fellowship is isolated from mission	Fellowship is deeply rooted in mission
Prayer is supplemental	Prayer is necessary
Little is accomplished for the mission of Christ	Much is accomplished for the mission of Christ
Growth through addition	Growth through multiplication
Evangelism is rarely emphasized	Evangelism is central
Few are sent out	Many are sent out
Sacrificial care is rarely needed	Sacrificial care is necessary

## Zarephath Christian Church's vision is to be a *truly disciple making church.*

### In a Church of Spectators...

Leaders are directors.  
 Leaders oversee ministry for people.  
 Leaders manage mission.  
 The primary focus of leaders is designing programs.  
 Leaders are known for the decisions they make.  
  
 Leadership development is accidental.  
 Especially gifted members make disciples.  
 Growth happens by addition of disciples.  
  
 Complexity is normal.  
 Prayer is supplemental.

### In a Church of Disciple-Makers...

Leaders are equippers.  
 Leaders mobilize people for ministry.  
 Leaders unleash missionaries.  
 The primary focus of leaders is on developing people.  
 Leaders are known for the disciple-makers they make.  
 Leadership development is intentional.  
 Every single member makes disciple-makers.  
 Growth happens by multiplication of disciple-makers.  
 Simplicity is critical.  
 Prayer is fundamental.



"Pursuing Jesus Together"