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leader's manual

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Preface

This manual is designed to assist local Churches build a strong cell group ministry and train leaders in basic skills. Cells have as their primary purpose pastoral care and discipleship, assimilation of new people, developing leaders and reaching out to the unchurched.

This manual has a companion workbook. Pastors or course leaders can teach from the manual while those training for cell group leadership can use the workbook. This gives the Pastor/course leader the flexibility to add notes and illustrations.

*‘And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.’
Psalm 78:72*

My prayer is that this manual will help you develop leaders with skillful hands in loving and leading people toward their destiny. Copies of the full manual, workbook and audio tape sets are available.

These books are highly recommended to those interested in successful cell group ministry.

The Cell Church	Larry Stockstill
The Shepherds Guide Book	Ralph W. Neighbour, Jr.
Prepare Your Church for the Future	Carl F. George
Developing the Leader within You	John C Maxwell

I pray for fruitfulness in your ministry to those inside and outside the church.

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