



RAISE THE SAILS

**STARTING DISCOVERY
GROUPS**

How do we raise the sails
at Catalyst Vineyard Church?



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1. **Focus** on **God's Word** (Hear, Do & Share).



*“As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Now remain in my love.
If you keep (obey) my commands (word),
you will remain (live) in my love, ...
My command is this:
Love each other as I have loved you. ...
You are my (intimate) friends if you do what I command. ...
This is my command: Love each (one) other.”*

John 15: 9-10a, 12 & 31 NIV



*“God’s love language to us
is **mercy** and **grace**.
Our love language to God
Is **loving obedience**.”*

David Watson
Contagious Disciple Making



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2. **Multiply** "Extraordinary" **Prayer**.



... they *raised* their voices *together* in *prayer* to God.

... *After* they prayed,
the *place* where they were *meeting* was *shaken*.

And they were all *filled* with the Holy Spirit
and *spoke* the *word* of God
with (*unrestrained*) *boldness*.

Acts 4: 24a & 31 NIV

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*“For the Son of Man (**Jesus**) came
to **seek** (out) and **save**
(give **life** to) the **lost**.”*

Luke 19: 10 NIV



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The **person of peace** (POP)
is a cultural “**insider**”
who opens their “**Oikos**” (people group)
to **discover** more about **God**.



WOOLY (O.H.S)



When he *saw* the *vast crowds* of people,
Jesus' *heart* was deeply *moved* with *compassion*,
because they seemed *weary* (harassed) and *helpless*,
like wandering (*lost*) *sheep* without a shepherd.
He turned to his disciples and said,
"The *harvest* is *huge* (plentiful) and *ripe*!
But there are *not enough* harvesters to bring it *all in*.
As you go, plead (*pray*) with the Owner (*Lord*) of the *Harvest*
to *thrust out* (send) *workers* into his harvest field."

Matthew 9: 36-38 TPT



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5. **Start** Discovery Groups (**DG**).



SEEING GROUPS START

Would you be interested in getting your family and friends (**oikos**) together to **discover** ...

... more about **Jesus**?

... what is in the **Bible**?

... what **God** has to say about **life**?

... God's **plan** for your life?

... how to **experience God** in your life?

... how to **hear** God's voice?



“DISCOVERY” GROUP STRATEGY

1. Relationship Based.
2. As You Go “Show and Tell” Based.
3. Group Process Based.
4. Discovery Process Based.
5. Obedience Based.

Every *believer* was faithfully *devoted* to following the *teachings* (skilled instruction and training) of the apostles. Their hearts were *mutually linked* to one another (*partners*), sharing *communion* (breaking of bread; the Eucharist) and coming together *regularly* for (all kinds of) *prayer*. A deep sense of *holy awe* (fear of God) swept over *everyone*, and the apostles performed many miraculous *signs* and *wonders*. *All the believers* were in *fellowship* as (added into) *one body*, and they *shared* with one another *whatever* they had. Out of *generosity* they even sold their assets to distribute the proceeds to those who were in need among them.

Acts 2: 42-45 TPT



*Daily they met together in the temple courts (area)
(continuing with one mind)
and in one another's homes to celebrate communion.
They shared meals together
with joyful (and generous) hearts
and tender humility (sincerity).
They were continually filled with praises to God,
enjoying the favor (respect) of all people.
And the Lord kept adding to their number daily
those who were coming to life (being saved).*

Acts 2: 46-47 TPT



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