

ANATOMY OF A SEMINAR

I. OBJECTIVES

- A. To enable the **group** leader to understand WHY we do WHAT we do in a seminar.
- B. To understand the relationship between the purpose of the seminar and the parts and techniques used.
- C. To acquaint you, the coach, with some practical helps in conducting a seminar.

II. INTRODUCTION

- A. Questionnaire
- B. Advantages of a Small Group
 - 1. *It promotes the participation of all members.*
 - 2. *It promotes a climate for all the "one another" commands in the New Testament.*
 - 3. *It meets the need for genuine fellowship.*
 - 4. *It helps to meet the need for a feeling of significance.*
 - 5. *It helps to develop leadership skills.*
- C. Limitations of a Small Group
 - 1. *It involves only a limited number of people.*
 - 2. *It requires good preparation by all group members.*
 - 3. *It requires special skills to lead.*
 - 4. *Many people are not ready to participate freely in a group.*
 - 5. *It requires many leaders to reach all the people in a church.*

III. PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR

- A. Accountability
 - 1. *Meeting regularly helps generate a sense of accountability to the leader, to the group, and to the other students.*
 - 2. *Accountability is also promoted through the keeping of records.*
 - 3. *Another way to hold accountability is through the personal discussions.*
- B. Motivation and Encouragement
 - 1. *A sense of progress in their study.*
 - 2. *People are motivated through new insights, especially in problem areas.*
 - 3. *Give them food for their own souls.*
 - 4. *The prayers and concern of the group.*
- C. Evaluation
 - 1. *Exams*
 - 2. *Discussions*
- D. Clarification or Expansion
 - 1. *To clarify things in the textbook **or** workbook, through questions.*
 - 2. *To disagree with things taught in the textbook and workbook.*
 - 3. *To expand upon the workbook in important areas, or areas of felt need.*
- E. Application

1. *Application to ministry and life situation.*
2. *Apply it to character related areas.*

IV. SEMINAR STRUCTURE

A. Seminar Objectives

1. *How the seminar is structured will depend on your objectives.*
2. *Develop specific goals for each seminar.*
3. *What are you doing in the seminar to meet these purposes?*
4. *Each seminar has a different emphasis*

B. General Seminar Areas / Activities

1. *Prayer & Praise*
2. *Fellowship*
3. *Administration*
4. *Exams*
5. *Teaching or expansion of the material.*
6. *Socratic discussion.*
7. *Coaching or modeling.*

V. GENERAL SEMINAR DYNAMICS

A. The Qualities of a Coach

1. *Academics.*
2. *Skills*
3. *Character*

B. Praise & Prayer

C. The Size of the Group

D. Seating

CONCLUSION