

## Missional Small Groups

Some important foundations

- Small groups as crucial not optional
- Mission in the bigger picture – worship, service, encouragement, care etc (*Small Group Tightrope*)
- Mission as organised and organic – homegroups as a ‘middle structure’
- Resistance and Realism!

### 1. Intentional structuring

- a. Mindset
- b. Setup – Osborne, *Sticky Church*
- c. Size
- d. Growth
- e. Planting preferable to splitting
- f. Always an empty chair – lean and keen
- g. Closed groups not allowed!

### 2. Intentional developing

- a. Teaching and training (HP+CC+CP=MI)
- b. Think outside the box – unusual opportunities
- c. Who will lead the group you hope to plant one day
- d. You take responsibility

### 3. Intentional diarising

- a. A quarterly diary
- b. Events and courses – thinking sideways

### 4. Intentional socialising

- a. Socials as opportunities to include outsiders
- b. Examples - Levi parties; Christmas events

### 5. Intentional praying

- a. Kingdom prayer
- b. For our ‘frontlines’
- c. For the lost – regular and often
- d. For evangelistic courses and events
- e. For overseas mission

### 6. Intentional giving/resourcing

- a. Books; literature; publicity etc.
- b. Make sure the groups get a say
- c. At home
- d. Abroad