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## HOW TO STRENGTHEN THE CELL VISION

As we enter a new year we begin to think about areas of our life that we want to see change. For many it is losing weight and exercising.

After Christmas we went to Sam's and noticed all the exercise equipment and diet products were placed at the front of the store. That is a great marketing tool to help people who are ready to make changes in their lifestyle and strengthen their bodies.

Within the cell ministry there will be times you want to strengthen different parts of the vision. At Victory the five parts of our cell vision are:

- \* Praise and worship
- \* Prayer
- \* Teaching the Word of God
- \* Fellowship
- \* Outreach/Evangelism

One of the areas we are strengthening is the evangelism in our cell groups. Cell groups provide a great side-door entry into your church. You don't want your cell groups to become holy huddles. So each quarter we are offering suggestions to our cell leaders on how to reach out to the un-churched and un-saved. We encouraged the cell groups to adopt a family or host an open house in their neighborhood over the holidays, and we received some great praise reports. Here are some excerpts from that outreach.

Several ladies groups adopted a single mom, two children and grandma. Once they met the family, they realized the mom had fled from spousal abuse and needed furniture as well as Christmas gifts for her children. As they spread the word of the families' needs, furniture, clothing, toys on the children's Christmas list, and gifts for mom and grandma came flooding in. The mom who is un-churched said, "You helped our family understand the true meaning of Christmas."

One group hosted an open house and invited eight families in the neighborhood, nine people came and although six were not saved, they were excited about building relationships with the cell group leader.

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new date for the



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cell conference

Please note an important change to this year's calendar. The Victory Christian Center Spring Cell Conference has been combined with our 2007 Annual Word Explosion. The dates of the 2007 Word Explosion are August 19-26, 2007. There will be a "Parade of Cells" on Wednesday night, August 22nd, and cells will be emphasized in the daytime workshops on August 23rd and 24th. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at [victorycells@victorytulsa.org](mailto:victorycells@victorytulsa.org), visit our website for more information at [victory.com](http://victory.com), or you can call Melissa at 918-491-7918.

# JESUS' STYLE OF LEADERSHIP

## Part 2

In the last newsletter we shared eight leadership principles from a leadership teaching by Pastor Daugherty. We will add ten more principles in this newsletter.

- Once born again, a godly leader must be filled with the Spirit of God.
- A godly leader must find his identification in the Word of God.
- A godly leader will not be sidetracked from his divine purpose.
- As a godly leader, you must know the timing of God.
- A godly leader will be more concerned about man's needs than about man-made regulations.
- A godly leader will focus on both the spiritual and physical needs of people - their internal needs as well as their external needs.
- The ultimate loyalty of a godly leader lies in his relationship with God. Jesus' ultimate loyalty was to God, His Father.
- A godly leader is humble, merciful, pure in heart, and is a peacemaker.
- A godly leader has a heartfelt sorrow for sin - his own and the sins of others.
- A godly leader proclaiming righteousness and living a righteous life will experience opposition.

For more detailed information on this teaching by Pastor Billy Joe visit the bookstore link at [victory.com](http://victory.com) and ask for the *Jesus' Teaching and Example of Leadership* series.

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The cell leaders followed up by taking Christmas cookies to everyone that came.

Another cell group adopted a great grandma who is raising three of her grandchildren. The family was blessed with gifts, food, decorations and gift cards. The cell group said this outreach was the highlight of their Christmas season.

We encourage you to be creative on cell outreach and help your groups grow and multiply as they apply John 4:35 "Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest."

Building God's Kingdom through cells,  
Pastor Jerry & Lynn Popenhagen

## NEWLY REVISED CELL TRAINING MANUAL NOW AVAILABLE

The new revised Cell Leader Training Manual and Workbook is now available for \$15. Just visit the bookstore link on our website [victory.com](http://victory.com) for more information. The new manual combines our cell training instruction with new material on leadership principles.

## Cell Testimony



When we started our cell leader training I was writing and putting together all the leadership lessons. I thought they were great, however, after about 6 weeks of meetings I started experiencing some frustration. It seemed like we were not making any solid progress in training our leaders. In discussing this with my wife Jacque she came up with the idea, "Why don't we use the Victory Cell Leader training manual from Victory in Tulsa?" So we started in the front of the manual and we taught lesson by lesson through the book. After 3-4 weeks of this the leaders in training really started to catch the vision for cells and how to be leaders and ministers. After we did this for several weeks it became very clear, we didn't have to re-invent the wheel. The many years of cell ministry experience that Victory has is a valuable resource. By the time we were done with our training we were doing the lessons line by line straight from the cell leader book and it was awesome. We recently launched 12 cell groups. In our follow-up sessions with the leaders we asked the question, "How well were they prepared for cell ministry?" Across the board the leaders felt totally prepared and confident. The cells are going strong, the leaders are ministering and the people are excited about serving the Lord through cells. Our special thanks to Victory, Pastors Billy Joe and Sharon and the Pastoral Care/Cell Ministry Department for making this valuable information available.

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