



CL Dimensions Course INSTRUCTOR

Session I

Print out for each student:

**CL QuickStart
HOST leadership development pathway
ACL-Staff leadership development pathway
PPT1
PPT2
Session 1 Student notes
Small Group U. Course Plan**

Make sure there are enough computers set up so each student has one. Ideally, students will be in one or two cubicle bays and will be on both sides of the bay.

Open in prayer

Get acquainted – who are you and what's your experience with small groups?

What is Small Group U. and what other classes are there beside this one? Review Small Group U. Course Plan

Orientation:

**3 classes on three successive weeks
You can attend either Thursday or Saturday morning, but you must let me know in advance if you will change**

This class will help you understand and be able to use the fundamental tools for an Associate Community Leader or Community Leader. You'll also learn and practice techniques that will make you successful and effective in this ministry. We will be teaching you the best practices we have learned so that you will be able to start with the most effective techniques we know. Over time, you may develop even better practices, which we hope you will share so we can teach them to others.

No dumb questions except those that don't get asked. Ask any question as many times as you need to. Most important that you learn this information.

Orientation to the small group ministry

Saddleback is the only church in America with more people in small groups than in weekend worship

Over 20,000 people in small groups (*estimate*)

This is where you get to be a part of a life-changing movement

This is the core of the church

Small groups are where life transformation happens more rapidly

It's been called a small group revolution

Being an ACL or CL is one of the highest callings. Show two Leadership pathways.

Advise students of how each session will go.

1. Exercises doing common functions using Staffnet and GroupManager
2. Role playing – practicing handling common situations with hosts
3. Q&A

They will be logging on to Staffnet and working in Group Manager. They will be given two PowerPoint handouts and the CL Quickstart to use for this session.

- The difference between Area, community and groups (org chart)
- Why do we have CLs/ACLs? What do you do?
- The ACL-Staff Leadership Pathway
- Head and heart. SGU is like a training camp. Conditioning the head so the heart can enter in. We will also teach you about the heart piece during this course.
- Interactive tour through the CL QuickStart

Take the student through the CL QuickStart – explain that “Pages 3 and 4 are Cliff Notes. If you just do these things you will be successful. But, you’ll need more details and those details are described in the remaining pages.”

Walk them through the essential pages 5 and 6, the Mission and Vision.

Then take them through pages 7 - 16, discussing every subhead and going into a little detail on what is covered under that subhead. The more you go through, the better chance they will get it, because generally they may never pick this material up again unless you show them what's in it and how valuable it is.

Unit 1 - Orientation with Staffnet and Group Manager

Start them on the first exercise

The students will use PPT 1 and 2 for this session. Read the instructions for this exercise and answer any questions they have:

Group Manager exercise 1 – Moving around Group Manager

- Successfully log in to Staffnet, go to any group in your Area Leader's community and make a list of the types of information that is kept on each group.

- Review the list with your instructor

Once they have successfully done exercise 1, read the instructions for exercise 2 and answer any questions:

Group Manager exercise 2 – Moving around Group Manager

- Try out the three different ways to find a group
- Find your instructor's community
 - Make a list of all groups and note which ones are staff verified,
 - the dates of last contact
 - and the longest time anyone has been noted as interested in any of their small groups.

At the conclusion of both exercises, have a brief Q&A on any other questions they may have

Then let them talk until the time is up. This is a free-for-all discussion and idea sharing time between attendees on any topic (If time allows).

Close in prayer