



Global Ministries University

Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas de Base

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Course Description

This course on Small Christian Communities (PCC) and Base Ecclesial Communities (CEB / s), includes several topics divided into five sessions, where different models of small groups, characteristics, members 6 to 12 people to share the faith will be described, We will also study the history of small communities, what small communities are not, and the importance of forming a community in a climate of respect, mutual support, trust and a desire to learn and share the faith.

General Objectives of the Course:

Know and experience what small communities are to share the faith, from its history, composition and its importance in evangelization and spiritual growth.

Learning objectives:

1. We will learn basic concepts about what Small Christian Communities and Base Ecclesial Communities are.
2. We will know how Small Communities work, how they are constituted and norms that we must follow in a small group.
3. Form groups of brothers in faith, who pray, reflect, dialogue, share, encourage each other and grow together in faith.
4. Know the basic structure of the method see, judge, act, celebrate, evaluate and its application in a Small Community.
5. We will practice different models of small communities

Text for the Course:

Main text: For this course we will have the class notes of the teacher Hector A. Quiroz, based on personal experiences and readings by different authors on Base Ecclesial Communities, the student will be provided with a bibliography where they can learn more and expand their study on Base Ecclesial Communities and Small Communities

The registered students will be sent the class notes prepared by the teacher

Complementary texts: Pope Francis, *Conscience of the World. Building Necessary Bridges in a Turbulent World.* John Raymaker and Gerald Grudzen

The notes will include an extensive bibliography on the Base Communities

Course Sessions:

First Session: "*Base Ecclesial Communities*"

This session will understand the basic concepts and definitions of Base Ecclesial Communities and Small Christian Communities, such as what is a small group, a small community, and why these communities exist and are necessary and the principles to share the Faith.

1st Activity

Practice a Small Community model, following the method of seeing, judging and acting

Second Session: "*What are Small Christian Communities?*"

We will know the history of the Base Ecclesial Communities, from its founder to the Second Vatican Council and its diffusion in Latin America, the United States, Africa and Europe, it is important to know what the ecclesial documents tell us about the Base Ecclesial Communities and the Small Christian Communities, the effects they produce in different environments.

2nd Activity:

We will practice another model of Small Community through the method of the V National Encuentro of Hispanic / Latino Ministry: see, judge, act, celebrate and mission

3rd Session: "*Different models of Small Communities*"

We will see fundamental aspects in a Small Community and different models of Small communities to share the Faith, concepts such as the sense of belonging, true interpersonal relationships. Fidelity, communication, strengthening identity and commitment.

3rd Activity:

We will practice another Small Community model based on the Reborn Process method:

4th Session: “*Structure of Small Communities and Small Groups*”

Principles for sharing the Faith. Training of Group Coordinators, Facilitators or Animators, their characteristics and functions, such as leading a small group, the importance of hospitality, among others.

4th Activity

Practice another Small Community model

5th Session: "Virtual Models of Small Communities today"

Currently and primarily because of world events caused by the global Pandemic that we are suffering from the Coronavirus, Covid-19. Communication between people has been shared through various internet platforms

5th Activity:

Practice of another Small Community model

Final work:

The student will make a summary of what they have learned during these sessions about the Basic Ecclesial Communities, Small Communities and will develop a Small Group session, following the model that they liked the most.

Course Evaluation:

Your opinion is important to us, the evaluation of the course will be sent to you later

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