

## **An introduction to the Wesleyan Class-Meeting**

**In a class-meeting we pray, but it is not a prayer meeting.**

**In a class-meeting we sing, but it is not a worship service.**

**In a class-meeting we share, but it is not a sharing group.**

**In a class-meeting we teach, but it is not a Bible study.**

**In a class-meeting we sharpen one another, we encourage one another,  
we lift up one another in those things that build disciples,**

**we hold one another accountable to the demands of discipleship.**

Feel free to contact me if I can help you get a

Wesleyan Class-Meeting started in your church.

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## **Statements from Methodist class leaders from the 1700's-1800's**

These quotes were gleaned from a delightful book entitled, "Restoring the Wesleyan Class-Meeting" by Dr. James B Scott and Dr. Molly Davis Scott and published by Provident Publishing, a division of MDSC, Inc., Dallas, Texas.

"Without class-meetings it is next to impossible to keep young converts alive in faith or older believers to grow in grace."

"The class meeting is the nursery of revival power."

"The class-meeting is the convert's training school"

The purpose is, "to lead members into a state of justification, by faith in the blood of Jesus, and feel the Spirit of adoption enabling them to cry, 'Abba, Father', without a doubt."

"The class-meeting becomes an entry point into the church."

"Bishop Waugh, in an address at the New Jersey Conference in 1845 forcibly adverted 'to the duty of our ministers to watch over the classes as a primary concern, and one on which depended chiefly the success of our system. He told of a pious member of another denomination who, after having enjoyed an opportunity to meet in a class, that he had now discovered the secret of the success of Methodism. The strength and efficiency of our system, lay in our class-meetings."

"The past six years I have been a leader of a children's class and the class has failed to meet but twice in all that time, once on account of a fearful storm and once because of camp-meeting. We commenced with twelve members, and that soon increased to fifty, and it has been as high as seventy-two. It requires more preparation and variety to successfully keep up a children's class than it does a class of adults.

We have children from six to fourteen years of age."

## **Agenda for the Class Meeting**

- 1. Take attendance as members arrive**
- 2. Song (2 minutes)**
- 3. Opening Prayer (1 mintes)**
- 4. Inquiring after their souls (40 minutes)**
- 5. Teaching (10 -15 minutes)**
- 6. Closing Prayer (2 minutes)**

**Total of 60 minutes**

## Inquiring after their souls

1. Are you soaking in the Word daily?
2. Are you listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit?
3. Are you praying with power and results?  
(and for each member of the class?)
4. Are you worshipping daily in His presence?
5. Are you following the admonition to “Do No Harm”  
and striving to “Do Good”
6. Are you staying in love with God?
7. Are you going on to perfection, and never settling for mediocrity.
8. Are you learning to break the bondage of sin in order to  
run free of entanglement?
9. Options! statement unique to each person in the class.