

PLAYOLOGY - Meeting, Mixing, Building Community and Trust

| Time      | Activity                   | How  | Materials                               |
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| 9-9:45    | <b>Human Bingo</b>         | Develop a Bingo Card with theme appropriate questions. Have available as folks arrive. Use the cards to mix and mingle and ask questions of folks in the group, finding people to sign their initials in boxes that pertain to them. Try to get a certain number in a row, or fill the card.   | bingo cards (example at end of outline) |
| 9:45-9:50 | <b>Add Em Up</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put one hand behind your back and raise any number of fingers</li> <li>• Find a partner, who does the same thing</li> <li>• Count to three together – and on 3, pull hands from behind your back</li> <li>• Be the first to add the fingers on both hands and shout out the number</li> <li>• Find a new partner and continue</li> </ul> When you feel advanced, do it with two hands | None                                    |
|           |                            | NEW PARTNERS   |   |
| 9:50-9:55 | <b>Thumb Wars</b>          | Thumb Wars face partner. Now reach out and clasp fingers of your right hand with the fingers of your partner's left hand, with thumbs on top – don't let go. Free up your thumbs, and when I say go – have a thumb war with them. You cannot move your feet; you must stay in your place and using only your thumb, try to get your partners thumb pinned to their hand.   | None                                    |
|           |                            | NEW PARTNERS   |   |
| 9:55-10   | <b>What do you notice?</b> | Tell your partner your full name, where you are from and what role you play in your home church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turn back to back and lock elbows with your partner</li> <li>• Now describe your partners shoes to them – color and kind</li> <li>• Face each other – if you were correct, give each other a high five – if you were wrong, shrug your shoulders and say “Oh Well.....”</li> </ul>    | none                                    |
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| 10-10:05    | <b>Change Three Things</b>    | Tell your partner your full name, where you are from and what role you play in your home church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine which person's birthday is the closest to today -</li> <li>• Turn back to back and the person with the birthday closest to today is going to change three things about themselves. When given notice by the leader, turn around and have the partner guess what was changed</li> <li>• Reverse the roles</li> </ul> |                                      |
|             |                               | NEW PARTNERS   |                                      |
| 10:05-10:10 | <b>Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down</b> | Put your right hand in the air. Now put up your right thumb. Put your left hand in the air – take that hand and make a fist, then open it up so you can see through it. Now put your thumb into your partners fist. When I count to three, you are going to try to pull your thumb out of your partners fist and at the same time, attempt to capture your partner's thumb in your fist.<br><b>DEMONSTRATE.</b> Play   | None                                 |
|             |                               | Each set of partners reach out and find another set of partners to form a group of 4   |                                      |
|             | <b>Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down</b> | Same Activity in 4s instead of 2s  |                                      |
| 10:10-10:15 | <b>30 second Life Story</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The person who has the smallest shoe size begins.....tell your life story in 30 seconds</li> <li>• When I call time you must zip it and the person to your left gets the next 30 seconds</li> </ul>   | Stop watch or watch with second hand |
|             |                               | Each set of 4 now reach out and find another set of 4 to form a group of 8   |                                      |

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| 10:15-10:25 | <b>Poison Pass</b>        | <p>Standing... (can do sitting)<br/>           Passing an item around your circle. When the music stops, if you get "stuck" with it you must shout out your name and raise the ball in the air each time the item comes to you</p> <p>When you get stuck with it a second time, you shout out the name of the person to your right and pass the ball under your leg</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> time, shout out the name of the person to your left and pass the ball under the other leg.</p> <p><b>This is progressive, so if you have been "stuck" with the ball 3 times, you would shout your name, your neighbor on the right, neighbor on the left</b></p> <p>Now do poison pass with get to know you questions - when the music stops you have to pull out a question - answer for the group</p> | <p>cd player<br/>           music<br/>           ball/ea grp</p> <p>envelopes<br/>           with question<br/>           slips inside</p> |
| 10:25       | <b>Group Chant</b>        | <p>Take a few minutes to develop a group chant and motion - you'll be sharing the chant and motion with the rest of the room</p> <p><b>MAKE SURE you know the folks in this group and remember your group chant and motion - you'll need to find one another a little bit later on.....</b></p>   |  |
| 10:30       | <b>Look Down, Look Up</b> | <p>Have group stand in several small circles facing inward and looking down. Participants will pick one person in their own circle to look at. Leader says "Look up" and everyone looks up. If you make eye contact with that person, you both have to move into different circles. Once everyone is moved, leader says "Look Down" and then "Look Up". Repeat this several times</p>   | None   |
|             |                           | New Groups relatively even  |  |
| 10:30-10:35 | <b>Line Up</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Line up your group according to.....</li> <li>➤ Birthdate</li> <li>➤ # of instruments you play</li> <li>➤ maximum # pizza slices you can eat at a meal</li> <li>➤ # of times you have been car sick</li> <li>➤ # of movies you have seen in a theater in 2006</li> <li>➤ # of video games you own</li> </ul> <p>Can do without talking to make it more challenging</p>   | none   |

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| 10:35       | <b>Whole Group Line Up</b>    | Have the whole group line up using one of the examples above   | None      |
|             |                               | MOVE LINE INTO A LARGE GROUP CIRCLE<br>unless group too big, then divide into 2 or 3 circles.  |           |
| 10:35       | <b>Subway Sardines</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Choose a partner across the circle</li> <li>▪ When the leader says go, cross the circle and end up at your partner's spot without touching anyone</li> <li>▪ See how fast the task can be accomplished. Take 2 seconds off for each person who touches someone during the movement</li> </ul>   | None      |
| 10:40-      | <b>Zoom</b>                   | <p>See how quickly the group can pass the word zoom around the circle</p> <p>Ideas for speeding it up?</p> <p>Send mooz to the left</p> <p>Send zoom to the right and mooz to the left simultaneously</p>  | None      |
|             | <b>Group Chant</b>            | Using your group chant and motion, move back to your poison pass groups  | None      |
| 10:40-10:50 | <b>Switch, Change, Rotate</b> | <p>Groups of 5-8 work best for this activity</p> <p>Line up with hands on the shoulders of the person in front of you</p> <p>Explain Commands:</p> <p><b>Switch.....the person at the front peels off and joins the back of the line.</b> Practice.</p> <p><b>Change.....the line of players turns 180 degrees to face the opposite direction</b></p> <p><b>Rotate.....the front player peels off and goes to the back and the back player comes to the front</b></p> <p>Practice these a few times through ....then add two more commands</p> <p><b>Freeze....stop moving</b></p> <p><b>Move....meaning to WALK forward</b></p> <p><b>Now....</b> Leader begins with the move command and gives commands When and If the groups are moving well and cooperating, try the exercise with everyone having their eyes closed. Let the group make a plan for how to accomplish the task with their eyes closed</p> | None      |

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| 10:50-11 | <b>Paper Bag Skits - Prep for Worship</b> | <p>Put items in a paper bag and the small groups have to use those items in a skit about the passage being studied</p> <p>Add different scripture passages to the bags if you want, or have everyone do the same passage with different items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jonah</li> <li>• David &amp; Goliath</li> <li>• Birth of Jesus</li> <li>• Daniel and the Lion's Den</li> <li>• Joshua and the Walls of Jericho</li> <li>• Moses part the red sea</li> <li>• Noah's Ark</li> </ul> | Paper Bags filled with random items |
| 11-11:30 | <b>WORSHIP</b>                            |   |                                     |