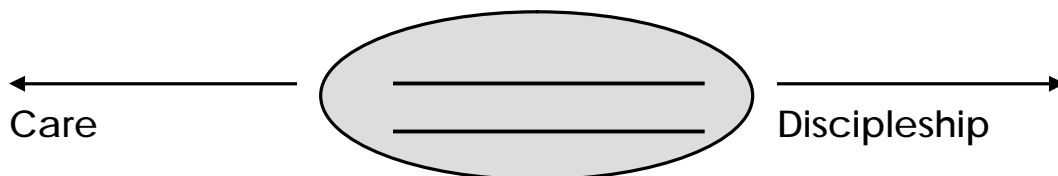
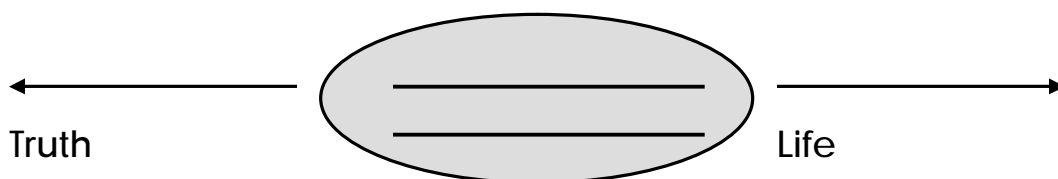
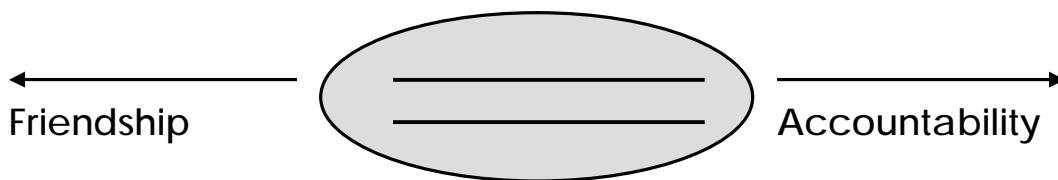


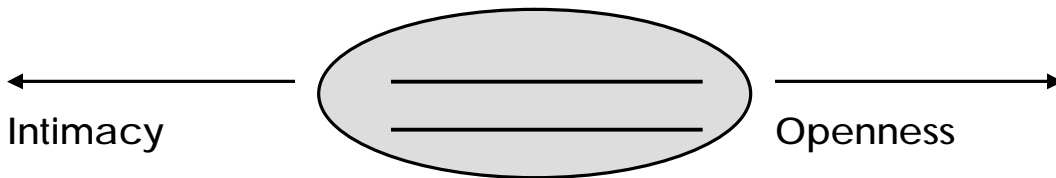
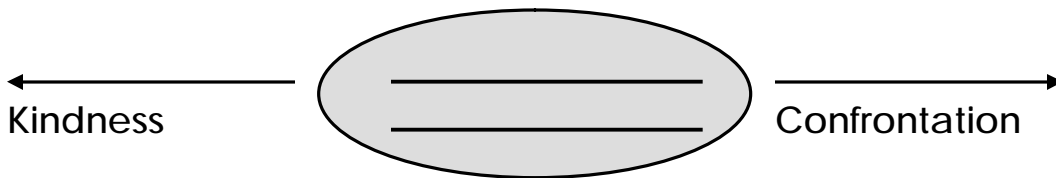
# Small Groups as Construction Sites

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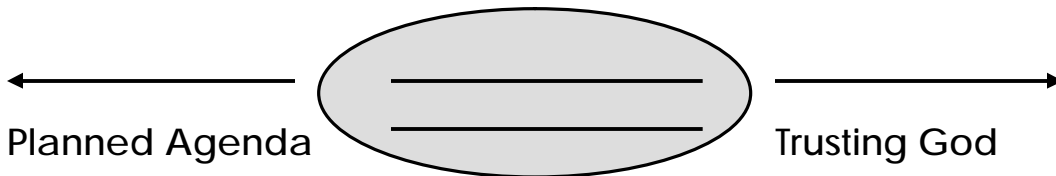
When you invite people to a small group, you are inviting them to a construction site, where God is at work building his community. Change is taking place—old structures are being torn down; a new building is being pieced together. It is messy, and hard hats are recommended. It is also extremely exciting as we work toward a common goal.

At the construction site, we have to manage tensions, like between speed and safety. Both are good, but we must balance the two. Usually the choice is not between something good and something evil, but between two good things. In small groups, we encounter these tensions to manage:





To Donahue's 5 tensions, we add:



And this is my prayer:  
that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of  
insight,  
so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and  
blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that  
comes through Jesus Christ—  
to the glory and praise of God.  
Philippians 1:9-12