

Bible Camp & Spider Vs Star Fish

By Anna Wong

I am a member of the Light and Salt Fellowship within ACBC Mission Ministry. This fellowship meets on the 4th Saturday of each month. In July 2022 the fellowship invited a guest speaker, Daniel Tsai. He brought us two very interesting concepts: the Bible Camp studying method and the Spider Vs Star Fish church structure.

Bible Camp

The fundamental idea for the Bible camp is to study the Bible by playing out the story of the Bible as a skit. As the group builds up a skit based on the Bible, they must dig into the story and understand the meaning for the scriptures. A good story to study is the Book of Esther

Alternatively the group can read the scripture and write out its theme or core meaning. By doing so, all people will have read the Bible thoroughly. When the group meets to share the themes they will learn from one another. The Book of Acts Chapter 1-5 is a good set of scriptures to use.

In general, this kind of Bible camp will help attendees absorb the words better than the traditional way of listening to a speaker interpreting the scriptures. In this way the attendees will eventually become the speakers.

Spider vs Starfish

Daniel Tsai also shared the Church leadership structure using the “spider vs starfish” illustration.

A spider is an arthropod with ingenious wisdom. It has the ability to build a web that is unique and functional. If the spider is killed and removed, however, the web is rendered meaningless. In real world many church leaders have the ability to build the network and strong relationships. When time is good everything goes well. Unfortunately a leader will not be available forever. When he leaves, the network will be disrupted or decline gradually.

However, the starfish has a unique feature. You can cut off its limb and it will grow back. They can do this because they keep their vital organs in their arms rather their body center. These organs are connected to the digestive system in the center.

If a church is structured like a starfish, leadership changes will not interrupt or devastate the church ministries.