

*John Wesley, Cell Groups “Murderer”*  
*from “Church For the Un-churched”, by George Hunter (page 85)*

One of Wesley’s strategies for the movement’s expansion was “Start as many classes (groups) as you can.”

Indeed, Wesley regarded the teaching, accountability, and nurture of the class as so essential for seekers, that he advised against “awakening” a spiritual quest within people without involving people in classes.

Why?

Because , ( he wrote) :

**“the devil himself desires nothing more than this, that the people of any place should be half-awakened, and then left to themselves to fall asleep again.” Wesley and his people learned, the hard way, that awakening religious interest in people without bringing them into group life was**

**.....“ONLY BEGETTING CHILDREN FOR THE  
MURDERER”**

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**\*\*from George Hunter’s book: “To Spread the Power”, pg58. See chapters 2& 5 for more insight on Wesley’s use of the classes( groups) within his apostolic strategy.**