

## Abstract

The conditions of eighteenth century England during Wesley's time bear similarities with twentieth century Korea. Both were characterized by rapid industrialization and urbanization. Under such conditions in England, John Wesley employed small groups such as bands, classes and societies to minister to believers. In like manner, the twentieth century Protestant church in Korea adopted the house group which met for Bible study and fellowship and which eventually became a key factor for church growth.

The Church of the Nazarene in Korea bears the influences of the Presbyterian and Methodist denominations, the former emphasizing the theology of election and predestination and the latter an adequate spiritual accountability and introspection. The church emphasized its distinctive, its cardinal doctrine, Christian perfection which continues to shape the life of Korean Nazarenes. The central motifs of John Wesley's theology, prevenient grace, justification and new birth, sanctification and Christian perfection have become the focal point of emphasis in house group meetings and ministry as well as the guiding pattern of life among Nazarenes.

Wesleyan structures such as the accountability groups can very well be employed to teach the aspects of theology and strengthen Christian life.

The small groups undoubtedly offer a congenial at-

mosphere, suitable to teaching and disciplining believers to spiritual maturity. As this gained favorable acceptance and results in British churches in the eighteenth century, it very well is suitable to the present day condition in Korea.