

Would you like to join a Small Group at Fellowship Bible Church?

Most existing groups are open to new group members, and new groups begin on a regular basis. If you have friends in a small group, ask about joining their group. If you are new to Fellowship and are looking for a place to connect, please feel free to contact us and we can help you find the right group.

Leader Tips:

1. The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through, others will be over in a few seconds!
2. Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was taught on Sunday morning. Just ask questions and let everyone else talk.
3. Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway!
4. Have fun. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of Small Groups. So have fun with the people in your group.

Agenda for a Small Group Meeting

Gathering Time

Take 15-20 minutes to welcome everyone, catch up, and share some food!

Discussion Time

Here's a suggested format:

1. *Ice Breaker* – Lighthearted ice-breaker question (15-20 min.)
2. *Discussion* - Discussion time, Bible study, application challenge (30-40 min.)
3. *Prayer* – Prayer requests and praying for one another (15-30 min.)
4. *Planning* – Keep the vision before the group, HEALTH planning, etc. (10 minutes)

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A New Way to Know and Live With God
Radical Church-Acts 2

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Break the Ice!

Icebreaker Question: What did you do on your very first date? Where did you go and who did you go with?

Question: What is your favorite thing about the Winter?

- The temperature
- Football is nearly over
- The kids go back to school after Christmas break
- The Superbowl
- Other: _____

Talk it over!

Read Acts 2

There is a New Connection

1. We can be connected to God in a new way.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. —Acts 2:1-4

God is not content to be with us. He wants to be in us.

Question: Why do you think God waited until the Pentecost (a celebrative harvest festival, Dt. 16:9-10) to give the Holy Spirit?

2. We can be connected to others in a new way.

We become inclusive

—Acts 2:5-12;

We become passionate.

—Acts 2:22-24; 2:32-34

Question: Which of these two effects of God's Spirit excite you the most? Which of these do you think excite people that don't know Christ?

Jesus Himself was Plugged In

‘Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.
—Acts 2:22

Question: How is Jesus described in the above verse?
How would your friends respond to this description of Jesus?

How Can I Get Plugged In?

It is a matter of control

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,
—Ephesians 5:18

1. Complete commitment
2. Continual commitment
3. Commitment to a person

Question: Which of these commitments is difficult for you? Which do you need to make right now?

Be Filled with the Holy Spirit, not by the Holy Spirit

Question: How can our Small Group help one another be filled with the Holy Spirit?

- We can abide in His word together
- We can encourage one another daily
- We can remember that His Spirit is with us when we meet
- We can pray together on a regular basis
- Other: _____

Work It Out!

One thing I'll do differently because of this sermon:
