

*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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Community: Being Part of the Mission  
**Mission Possible**

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**Break the Ice!**

Things I have put my hope in:

- Publisher's Clearing House. I may already be a winner!
- Alien messages in burnt toast patterns.
- Mr. Right...#5.
- Psychic Hotline.
- The other side of the fence.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

As a child, what did you plan to be or do as an adult?

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**Talk it over!**

Who we are Determines What We Do

**1. We are the bricks in the church**

*As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For in Scripture it says:*

*"See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame." <sup>7</sup>Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,  
"The stone the builders rejected  
has become the capstone," <sup>8</sup>and,  
"A stone that causes men to stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.*

—1 Peter 2:4-8

Question: In the above passage, what similarities does Peter show between Christ's experience and the Christian's experience? Does this surprise you?

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## 2. We are a chosen people

*But you are a **chosen people**, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

—1 Peter 2:9

‘ekleton” – called out

- a. God wants us.
- b. God moves us. (Colossians 1:13-14, 1 Peter 2:9c)

Question: How does it make you feel to know that you are chosen and God wants you and moves towards you?

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## 3. We are priests

*But you are a chosen people, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

—1 Peter 2:9

We have an opportunity of

- Access to salvation (Hebrews 9:15)
- Access to confession (1 John 1:9)
- Access to Scripture

Is there anything you have been given access to, but are not taking advantage of right now in your life?

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Being a priest is not a solo act. We are a “priesthood”.

How does living in community with other believers help you take advantage of your opportunities as a priest?

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## 4. We are a holy people

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a **holy nation**, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

—1 Peter 2:9

Question: Do you think of yourself as holy? How does a holy person act? Is it possible to be holy without being “holier than thou”? Explain your answer

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## 5. We belong to and are cherished by God

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Get this and get it good:

Identity translates to activity.

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—1 Peter 2:9

Possible Action Step: Write out your story and share it with your group.

Question: Why do you think your story can have an influence in the lives of other people?

- My story is about how God changed me.
- No one can argue with my story.
- My story has lots of drama so it will keep everyone interested.
- People have always enjoyed laughing at me so if I tell my story everyone will have a good laugh.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: Who would you like to share the good news of Christ with?

- Family
- My friends
- My boss
- The Pastor
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: Why do you think God wants to use a group of people instead of just one person to bring the good news?

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## Work It Out!

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

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