

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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Eye Surgery
He Said What?!
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Warm up!

Who can you really count on during tough times?

How I convince others to trust me:

- I always tell the same tall tales to everyone.
- Be open about stuff they already know.
- Admit it... "Yes! I tore the tags off the mattress!"
- Lie with a straight face.
- Never let 'em see me sweat.
- Other: _____.

Talk it over!

Read Matthew 5:29:30

Before we pull our eyes or cut our hands let's:

1. The Sermon on the Mount is Law talk

What clues are in the Sermon on the Mount that the sermon is "law talk"?

2. The dividing line between the Old Covenant (Testament) and the New Covenant (Testament) is not the title page in our Bibles. It is the death of Jesus.

–Luke 22:21-22; Hebrews 7:15-17

For Discussion: List everything that happened at the cross.

Question: Do you do a good job at remembering the cross in your daily life? How would your life be different if you remembered the cross more often?

Hear Jesus' Message in the Sermon on the Mount:

- "You think the 10 commandments are tough, listen to this!"
- If you're trying to please God and grow in your spiritual life by following the law, here is it. You have to follow it to the "t".
- Jesus is teaching the hopelessness of living by the law.

Question: How do you think you would have reacted to Jesus' message if you were hearing the Sermon on the Mount as a 1st Century Jew?

- I would have been worried
- It would have challenged me to try harder
- I would have not believed the message
- I would have thought Jesus was crazy
- I would have understood what Jesus was getting at
- Other: _____

1. "I fought the law and the law won." When we live by the law, we lose.

- The law kills: Galatians 3:21-22; Romans 4:15; Romans 7:10
- The law stimulates sin: Romans 7:5; 1 Corinthians 15:56

Question: Have you ever tried to live up to the law? Why are people attracted to the law?

Get some grace:

1. Get Jesus

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

⁴So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God.

—Romans 7:24-25; 7:4

Question: When did you first meet Jesus?

2. Get a new view of you.

It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord." —1 Corinthians 1:30-31

Also see Galatians 2:19-20

Question: Does your view of you match God's view of you? How can you improve your view of you?

3. Get some heavy-duty power.

because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. —Romans 8:2

Question: How can you plug into Jesus' power this week?

- I can spend time with God
- I can seek Him
- I can trust Him more
- I can receive His grace
- Other: _____

4. Get some buddies

²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

—Hebrews 10:24-25

Question: Share a time in your life when you received some encouraging words from someone.

Work It Out!

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