

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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Break the Ice!

What's one thing you've done, large or small, that seemed to make a real difference?

One of my toughest missions:

- Bathe the cat.
- Videotape an Elvis sighting.
- Learn to love a Cubs fan
- Go 30 seconds without touching my iPhone
- Other: _____

Talk it over!

Mission: Where we join in with God's love reaching out to the world.

For Discussion: Put the above definition for mission in your own words.

Read John 4:3-19 and Luke 19:1-10

What do these two stories have in common?

They Are Stories About:

1. A God who Seeks

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

–Genesis 3:8-9

I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

–Ezekiel 34:16

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

–John 4:23

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

—Luke 19:10

Question: What evidence do you have in your life that God has been seeking for you? When do you think you were found by God?

2. A God who is driven

Now he had to go through Samaria. —John 4:4

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

—Luke 19:5

What barriers did Jesus cross to help others in need?

If you were to step out to serve others in need, where would you begin?

- Start with a friend at work.
- Cross a social or cultural barrier.
- Help with an inner city ministry.
- Take a missions trip.
- Go to Nicaragua with Project Hope next year
- Other: _____

3. A God who is graciously relational. He loves the unlovely. He values the unworthy.

Question: What made Zacchaeus unlovely and unworthy? (see Luke 19:2)

Question: What made the woman at the well unlovely and unworthy? (See John 4:7, 9, 16 and 18)

Why do you think God has a heart for people that are “unlovely and unworthy”? How do you tend to treat people who are outcasts? What is one thing you can do this week for someone who is “unlovely and unworthy”?

4. A God who values honesty.

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

—Luke 19:10

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

—Mark 2:17

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

—1 Timothy 1:15

Question: When are you most likely to admit to God that you need Him?

- When I am caught in sin
- When I hit rock bottom
- I have learned that I really do need God
- When I am in trouble
- Other: _____

Question: What is the best way to help your friends understand that they should be honest with God and admit that they need him?

5. A God who sees the whole world through the lens of love.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

—John 3:16

Question: How does God's love for the world motivate you to love the world?

Work It Out!

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