

*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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How to Survive Your Biggest Critics

**Radical Church**

Phillip Wright

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**Warm up!**

Who's been a model of courage for you?

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Things that scare me:

- The number of fat grams in a jelly doughnut.
- Braille menus at Wendy's drive-through.
- Hearing, "I have the perfect date for you!"
- Returning from lunch to, "You have 27 new messages!"
- Opening my 401k statement.
- Hearing the cable company say they'll be there between 9am and 5pm.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Talk it over!**

**Read Act 4:1-22**

Question: What evidence of fear or courage do you see in the passage? What seems to be the motivation for the disciples?

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**Don't Let Fear Do a Number On Us**

–Mark 4:35-41; Mark 14:66-72

1. Fear corrodes our confidence
2. Fear turns us into control freaks
3. Fear gives us spiritual amnesia
4. Fear causes us to compromise our convictions
5. Fear leads us to hurt those we love

Question: Which of these consequences of fear have you felt? Which one "scares" you the most?

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## No more CLS (Cowardly Lion Syndrome)

### 1. Be part of a team

Question: Who is on your team?

- My Small Group
- My friends
- My family
- ~~My drinking buddies.~~ My softball team.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: What kind of team member are you? What kind of team member would you like to be?

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### 2. Be secure in the love of Jesus

Is there something in your life right now that you'd like to ask God's help to overcome?

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### 3. Spend time with the resurrected Jesus

Question: What do you like to do when you are with Jesus?

- Read the Bible
- Meditate on Scripture
- Pray
- Worship
- All of the above
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Be filled with the Holy Spirit

Question: How is someone filled with the Holy Spirit?

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How would you describe your relationship with God right now?

- Vibrant
- We haven't talked in a while
- I'm mad at Him
- We are good friends
- We spend a lot of time together
- We are distant
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: How can you grow in your relationship with God this week?

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## Work It Out!

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

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