

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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Identity: Belonging to the Mission

Mission Possible

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Break the Ice!

Who was one of your early heroes? Why?

How I keep going:

- Power Bars, Geritol, and herbal energizers.
- A little guilt, some codependency, and lots of perfectionism.
- I just pull myself up, whine, and press on.
- Caffeine—in large doses.
- I've harnessed the power of my obsessive-compulsive disorder!
- I watch the Biggest Loser to help myself remember that I am not as bad off as those guys!
- Other: _____

Talk it over!

Jesus came as a missionary from Heaven so that He might make us missionaries for Heaven.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. —Acts 1:8

Question: Do you see yourself as a missionary? According to the Acts 1:8, when do we become missionaries?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2

Our Problem: We don't know who we are. We are...

1. We are cracked pots

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. —2 Corinthians 5:11

Also see 2 Corinthians 4:7-8

2. New people with a new view of people

⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! —2 Corinthians 5:16-17

Question: How would you act differently towards your friends if you stopped viewing them from a worldly point of view?

3. Ambassadors of Jesus Christ

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. —2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Question: Who was your “ambassador” that helped you understand who Jesus is? How did this person help you understand the gospel?

What is your level of motivation to share your faith right now?

- I don't like to do that
- I don't know how
- I don't think about it
- I am afraid of it
- I really enjoy sharing Christ with others
- Other: _____

Our Problem: We don't Know what we Have We Have...

1. A reward waiting for us

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. —2 Corinthians 5:10

Question: What types of things do you think we will be rewarded for?

- Watching TV
- Making Money
- Serving others
- Telling friends about Jesus
- Cheering for the Cowboys
- Other: _____

Question: Do you live in light of your reward? How much of your time do you give to things that you will not be rewarded for?

2. Fear of God

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. —2 Corinthians 5:11

Question: How can you grow in your awe of God? How can our group increase our awe of God together?

3. A love that gives us no options

If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. —2 Corinthians 5:13-15

What evidence is there in your life that Christ is compelling you “to live for him who died”?

4. The life of Jesus in us

For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

—2 Corinthians 4:5-10

Question: According to the above passage, how is the life of Jesus different from the “our lives”? Have you let Jesus live his life in you? What does this look like?

Work It Out!

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