

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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Warm up!

What makes a close friend a close friend?

Question: How I connect with people:

- Trip them, then help them up
- Change my 5-day deodorant pads after 3 days
- Blindside them with my multi-level marketing plan
- Static cling
- Vulcan mind meld
- Other: _____

Talk it over!

1. The church is like a Clint Eastwood movie.

Question: According to Phillip, why is the church like a Clint Eastwood movie?

2. It's a family affair.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

—1 John 3:16

➤ **The group comes first!**

Question: The best reason for committing to healthy relationships:

- I need it--and so do they.
- God wired me to relate to others!
- It helps me keep perspective in the hard times.
- What's life without people to share it with?
- I quit the cliquish, put-down thing after high school.
- Other: _____

Question: What keeps people from committing to the group before themselves?

3. Believing leads to belonging.

For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. —1 Corinthians 12:13

...who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. —Titus 2:14

- **Jesus' death creates community**
(Ephesians 2:14-22)
- **Following Jesus means joining Jesus' group.**
(Matthew 10:34-38; Mark 3:31-35)

For Discussion: Share a time in your life when you felt like you belonged.

Question: What can your Small Group do to help others feel like they belong?

4. He ain't heavy, but he's my brother—who am I kidding, he's real heavy.

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. ²Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. —Galatians 6:1-2

Question: Do you think you are more likely to carry someone else's burden or let someone else carry your burden?

What burden in your life do you need help carrying?

- Relationships
- Health
- Money
- Career
- Other: _____

5. When you come to church...

- **Expect to see weirdos (Luke 7:36-40)**
- **Expect to see hypocrites**
- **Don't just sit there. Do something. (James 2:16)**

Which of these things about church surprise you the most?

When it comes to working together with others, one of my greatest strengths or contributions is:

- Brains
- Providing a relational challenge
- Leadership
- Just doing it
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- Sense of humor
- Other: _____

Work It Out!

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