

*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 been one of your greatest learning experiences?

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Question: My thoughts on failure:

- Get over it!
- Hey! Something I'm good at!
- Failure is *never* final (*unless your name is George Custer, Benedict Arnold or Humpty Dumpty*).
- It's always blackest just before the bottom falls out.
- Been there, done that, got the pink slip.
- I failed once. I thought I was wrong, but I was right.
- I *just say no*.
- All I've ever missed is the boat.
- Oh, my! This could be *really* depressing.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Talk it over!**

The American Dream: From nobody to somebody.

God's Dream for us: From somebody to nobody.

Question: Do you believe in the American dream? How is God's dream different?

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Moses spent his first 40 years as a somebody.

*"At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months he was cared for in his father's house. <sup>21</sup>When he was placed outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son. <sup>22</sup>Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.*

—Acts 7:20-22

1. A "somebody" is impressed with and trusts in him/herself

Question: What were Moses' "qualifications" that are listed in the above passage?

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Question: What skills or accomplishments do you have that could possibly tempt you to trust in self instead of in God?

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## 2. A “somebody” is a spiritual screwup.

–Read Acts 7:23-28 and Exodus 2:11-14

Question: Why do you think God chooses to use people that have “messed up”? How does this make you feel about your past mistakes?

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## Moses Spent His Second 40 Years being a Nobody

*When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons.* –Acts 7:29

*When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.* –Exodus 2:15

### 1. Enroll in God’s School in the Desert

*Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.* –Exodus 3:1

Question: Have you ever spent time in the desert? Share with your group a little about your desert experience.

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### 2. God tells us:

- Commit to Jesus not to a need.
- He’s looking for God-dependence not independence.
- Who we are precedes what we do.

Question: Which of these truths from God do you have a hard time “living out”? How do these truths change the way we live?

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## Moses spent his third 40 years discovering what God can do with a nobody.

### 1. God’s presence equips us for God’s use.

Question: How do you tend to experience God’s presence in your life?

- During my devotional times
- At Small Group
- During the worship services
- When I am alone
- Throughout my day
- All of the above
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Any old bush will do as long as God is in the bush.

*Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. He led the flock to the west end of the wilderness and came to the mountain of God, Horeb. The angel of GOD appeared to him in flames of fire blazing out of the middle of a bush. He looked. The bush was blazing away but it didn't burn up. <sup>3</sup> Moses said, "What's going on here? I can't believe this! Amazing! Why doesn't the bush burn up?" <sup>4</sup> GOD saw that he had stopped to look. God called to him from out of the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He said, "Yes? I'm right here!" <sup>5</sup> God said, "Don't come any closer. Remove your sandals from your feet. You're standing on holy ground."* –Exodus 3:1-5

Question: Do you believe that God can turn “normal” things in to “hallowed ground”? How does God turn the “mundane” things of life into holy ground?

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## 3. Any old staff will do as long as we give the staff to God.

*Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, "The LORD did not appear to you'?"*

<sup>2</sup> *Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied.* –Exodus 4:1-2

## Work It Out!

Question: One thing I’ll do differently because of this sermon:

- Give ourselves to God’s control. Exodus 4:17,20
- Look what God’s rod can do!
- Overcomes obstacles: Exodus 14:15
- Satisfies needs. Exodus 17:1-3
- Go out and be nobody

Other: \_\_\_\_\_