

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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Living Under the Influence

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Warm up!

What kind of people do you get along with best?

My favorite country song about relationships and romance:

- If I Had Shot You When I Wanted To, I'd Be Out By Now.*
- I Would Have Answered Your Letter, But You Didn't Send One.*
- I'm So Miserable Without You, It's Like Havin' You Here.*
- If You Leave Me, Darlin', Can I Come Too?*
- I Miss You, Baby, But My Aim's Getting' Better.*
- Other: _____

Talk it over!

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is the only way we can live an authentic, Christ-like life.

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

—Ephesians 5:18

1. I'm going to do this because I want to be obedient.

Question: Paul gives us two commands. Which command gets more attention?

2. I'm going to do this because life is tough.

Question: Which area of life do you need help right now?

- Worship (Eph 5:19)
- Marriage (Eph 5:22-23)
- Parenting (Eph 6:1-4)
- Work (Eph 6:1-5)
- Christianity (1 Jn 2:6)
- Other: _____

In what way does being filled with the Spirit help us with life?

3. Sorry, no simple steps here.

Question: Which of these truths about being filled with the Spirit motivate you to be filled with the Spirit the most? Which is hard for you to believe?

- It is doable
- It is for each Christ-follower
- It happens more than once
- It is all about control

4. When I'm filled with the Holy Spirit:

My relationship with God changes

¹⁹ Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,
—Ephesians 5:19

Question: How does this verse compare to your relationship with God right now?

- There is singing in this verse
- There seems to be a joy that I am lacking
- This describes my walk with God
- There seems to be a vibrant relationship in this verse
- Other: _____

My relationship with others changes

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.
—Ephesians 5:21

Question: Why is it so difficult to submit to others? Why do you think Spirit filled people submit to others?

My reaction will change

²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
—Ephesians 5:20

Question: What do you have to be thankful for?

- Family
- Finances
- Food on my table
- Cowboys were awful this year
- Five dollar Footlongs at Subway in February
- Other: _____

Work It Out!

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