

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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Talk it over!

Read Acts 2:42-47

Question: What surprises you about the group of believers in Acts 2:42-47?

We will never reach Christian maturity apart from Christian community.

Question: Why do you think community matters so much in our lives?

- Even the Lone Ranger had Tonto
- Growth means learning to love everyone
- We gain meaning of our lives from our relationships with others.
- Nothing really matters if you are alone
- Other: _____

Devoted: to be strong toward

1. Let's be devoted to learn together.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. —Acts 2:42

Question: How would you describe your commitment to God's word right now?

- I never read it
- I try to read it
- I found my bible last week
- I love reading it
- I am doing the Fellowship Challenge!
- Other: _____

2. Let's be devoted to pray together

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Question: What kinds of things do you pray for?

- Help
- Stuff
- Help
- Stuff
- Help
- Other: _____

Who encourages you to pray?

3. Let's be devoted to share together

*All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵
They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had
need.* —Acts 2:44-45

Question: Why do you think it is important for us to learn to share?

4. Let's be devoted to eating together

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, —Acts 2:46

Question: Who do you tend to eat with?

- My co-workers
- My family
- My TV
- My car
- Other: _____

Why is eating so important for building community?

The More we Get Together...

1. The happier we'll be.
2. The more focussed we'll be.
3. The more influential we'll be.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. —Acts 2:46-47

Question: Which of the 3 benefits of community listed could you benefit from most?

Work It Out!

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