

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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Jesus is Risen: So What?

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Warm up!

Who is the most reliable person you know? How have they shown it?

Places I've looked for Hope:

- Publisher's Clearing House. I may already be a winner!
- Alien messages in burnt toast patterns.
- Mr. Right
- My new credit card!
- The other side of the fence.
- Other: _____

Talk it over!

Understanding the "Resurrection":

1. Defined in the Old Testament.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷ I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

—Job 19:25-27

Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

—Daniel 12:2-3

Question: What do these passages teach us about resurrection? Is there anything that surprises you about these passages?

2. Refined in the New Testament

- **Jesus had some form of a physical body like he had before his death.**

—John 20:24-28 and Luke 24:38-48

What evidence do you have that Jesus is alive today?

- His Spirit dwells in me
- I am confident in my salvation
- I can love the unlovable
- I'm not sure
- Other: _____

- **Jesus could hide and reveal his presence from people at will.**

–Luke 24:13-26

- **Jesus’ body was not subject to the same laws of physics as before.**

–Luke 20:10 and Luke 24:30-31

Question: What does Jesus physical resurrection from death mean for us today?

Three Implications of the Resurrection of Jesus:

1. Our work has a kingdom value.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has?

–Romans 8:18-24

All the works we do in the name of Jesus are signposts pointing the world to a coming King who will restore all things.

Question: What kind of “works” do you like to do in the name of Jesus?

- Praying for friends
- Serving the poor
- Being generous
- Showing love
- Other: _____

Question: Does your life point people to “a coming King who will restore all things”?

2. We can grieve with hope.

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. –1 Corinthians 15:21-26

- **Death will get justice**
- **Our honor will be restored (1 Corinthians 15:42-43)**

Question: Why do we avoid talking about death?

How does the resurrection of Jesus change the way we look at death?

3. We can change

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, –Ephesians 2:4

having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. –Colossians 2:12

- **New life has begun ahead of schedule... in me!**
- **Not “one day” but rather “to-day”!**

Question: What does the resurrected Jesus need to change in your life?

- My spiritual vision
- My unbelief
- My discouragement
- My loneliness
- Other: _____

Work It Out!

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