

*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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Sounds Too Good to be True  
**He Said What?!**

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What do you like to do on Sunday mornings?

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Things I've received for "free":

- Help from the government
- A puppy
- Double pneumonia
- In-laws
- Gum on my shoe
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Talk it over!**

"I See You and I Love You"

1. Jesus saw Peter's failure before it happened.

*Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not." <sup>30</sup>"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times." <sup>31</sup>But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same. –Mark 14:29-31*

Question:

Question: Do you find it helpful if your friends tell you you're a going to make a big mistake before it actually happens?

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Question: Why do you think Jesus warned Peter that he was going to deny Him?

- He was rubbing it in
- He wanted to make a point
- He wanted Peter to feel bad
- Jesus wanted to use the denial for good
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Jesus saw Peter's failure when it happened.

*The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times."*

–Luke 22:61

Question: How do you feel, knowing that God knows your weaknesses and failures?

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### 3. Jesus saw Peter's failure after it happened.

...and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."  
—Luke 24:34

Question: How do you think Peter felt when he saw Jesus for the first time?

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How do you respond to others that have let you down?  
How do you respond to others that you have let down?

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### You Get A Do-Over

The idea that God would give me a Do-Over...

- Makes trusting God a no-brainer
- Gives me hope.
- Sounds too good to be true.
- Is something I'm beginning to believe.
- Motivates me to follow him.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### You're Still on the Team.

*When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"<sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."<sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.<sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."  
—Matthew 16:13-18*

Question: If you were to ask an average person where you work, "Who is Jesus Christ?" what would they say?

- A religious nut
- Great man
- Son of God
- A swear word
- A mystery
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What is significant about what Peter says about Jesus in the above passage?

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### You're Still in the Game

*Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say."  
—Acts 2:14*

—Also see John 21:15-23

Christ re-enlisted Peter into ministry even after Peter denied Christ. Sometimes we like to think that we are not qualified to serve because of our past. When we look at Peter's life, we see that this is not the case!

Question: Have you let your past get in the way of what God wants to through you today?

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What ministry do you think God might be calling you to?

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### Work It Out!

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

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