

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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Vampires and Cannibals
He Said What?

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Break the Ice!

Talk about your most memorable *fast food* experience. How did you handle it?

What are some of the biggest stress factors in your schedule right now?

- Waiting in line.
- What happens after waiting in line.
- Getting the #?!& computer to work.
- Driving on South Campbell
- Honey-do's.
- Sunday mornings—before I started wearing my pajamas to church.
- Other: _____

Talk it over!

Read John 6:35-69

1. Jesus goes from weird to gross
 –Read John 6:35,41; John 6:51-56, 60-61

Question: At what point in the above verses do you think Jesus moved from weird to gross? What do you think Jesus was really talking about?

2. Jesus forces an “in your face” or “in your mouth” confrontation with Himself

Question: Why do you think that Jesus sometimes brings difficult teachings to people?

- To gross them out
- Sometimes the truth is difficult
- To play with people's minds
- To bring challenge
- Other: _____

Question: How do you normally respond to Jesus' more difficult teachings?

- I ignore them
- I hope they go away
- I apply them to my friend's life...
- I try to obey to the best of my ability, but I am thankful for the grace that Jesus brings as well!
- Other: _____

- **Jesus is the Shepherd and we are the sheep**
- **Jesus is the vine and we are the branches**
- **Following Jesus is not just imitation; it is participation.**

How would you describe your connection to Jesus right now?

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children
 –Ephesians 5:1

Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.
 –2 Peter 1:4

3. Jesus' life is power for us

- **Power to Clean**

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.
 –1 John 1:7

- **Power to live**

For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day...."
 –John 6:40ff

- **What are we munching**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.
 –John 6:54

Question: How much are you using the power that comes from Christ at this time in your life?

- Not very much. I am trusting in my own strength.
- I am trusting Christ for forgiveness, but I haven't learned how to let his life be lived in me.
- I am trusting Christ to work in and through me on a daily basis.
- I sometimes let Jesus work in me, and other times I get it all wrong.
- Other: _____

4. Jesus' life is a gift to us

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

²⁷Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom."

–Matthew 26:26-29

An Activity: As a group, pray and give thanks for the gift that Jesus has given to us.

Question: What is the best way to make use of the gift that Jesus has given us?

- To give thanks
- To use the gift
- To keep it wrapped up and under the tree because this is such a great gift and I would hate for it to break.
- To share the gift with others
- Other: _____

5. Will you accept His life or walk away?

"Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. ⁶⁶What do you think?"

"He is worthy of death," they answered.

⁶⁷Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him ⁶⁸and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ. Who hit you?"

–Matthew 6:64-68

Question: How have you responded to Jesus in the last week? How would you like to respond?

Work It Out!

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