

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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Good Job

Details

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Warm up!

If you could spend a week doing anything you wanted, what would you do?

One of my worst financial investments or decisions:

- Liposuction @ \$110 per pound
- My first marriage license
- My slice 'em, dice 'em, anyway you like 'em machine
- My pet rock vet hospital franchise
- Telling my friends that the internet was a fad
- Other: _____

Talk it over!

How do you tend to view your work?

- I hate it
- I love working... maybe too much!
- It's a job to pay the bills.
- I wish I didn't have to work
- Other: _____

Work: What's God got to do with it?

Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, ²⁴since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

—Colossians 3:22-24

Question: What does the above passage have to say about your job? What commands does God give us? What attitudes should we have? How can you get better?

- **There is no difference between the sacred and the secular.**

Question: Why do we like to think that working a job is a “secular” activity?

- My pastor makes me feel guilty for not becoming a pastor
- We think that work is insignificant
- We tend to think that anything not at church is not from God
- Have you heard the language around my office?
- Other: _____

Who’s the Boss?

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Take this Job and Love It. How

1. Look at God.

"Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." —John 5:7

You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you. —Nehemiah 9:6

• God is in the details.

Fill in the blanks:

Leisure Without Work = _____

Work Without Leisure = _____

For discussion: Think of one reason why your job is important to God.

2. Do it in the name of Jesus

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

If everything I have belongs to God,

- Why do I maintain such a strangle hold on my stuff?
- God needs to be calling the shots, not me.
- I can relax and let *Him* worry!
- I have *both* freedom *and* responsibility.
- I’m the manager, but He’s the *CEO*!
- Other: _____

Do it:

- **With Jesus’ endorsement**
- **With Jesus’ authority and power (Acts 3:6)**
- **For His honor. (1 Cor 10:31; 1 Pet 4:10-11)**

How would working with the above attitudes change the way you work?

Work It Out!

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