

*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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Worship: The Fuel of Mission

Mission Possible

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Break the Ice!

How old were you when you got in your first fight? What happened and what did you do?

Talk it over!

Read John 4:20-23

In John 4:20-23, Jesus teaches us a few things about worship.

What is worship?

1. Worship is not a matter of where you are; it is a matter of who you know.
2. Worship is not an event that occurs in a place. Worship is a lifestyle that continues in a person.
3. We don't come to church to worship. We come to church with worship and we leave with worship.
4. To worship "in spirit" means that we mean it. We're worshipping inside out.
5. To worship "in truth" means that we're worshipping the true God and not some idol we've created.

Question: Of the above worship "misconceptions" which do you think is the most prevalent today in our society? In our church?

In your opinion, why do people like to think of worship as a certain time of the week at a certain place?

Do you think people in our church are more likely to worship in "spirit" or in "truth"? Or both? Explain your answer.

Worship involves a rhythm of **revelation and response**. God reveals. We respond.

Read Isaiah 6:1-8

Rhythm #1

- God reveals himself

Question: How does God reveal himself in Isaiah 6:1-5?
How is God described?

What are all the angels saying about God to one another?
Why do you think this is important?

Who is this Lord sitting on the throne? See John 12:40-41 for help?

What we learn about God in Isaiah 6:1-5:

- He is alive
- He is in control... sitting on a throne
- He is all powerful. The throne is lofty.
- He is splendid... the train of his robe filled the temple.
- He is respected (Is. 6:2)
- He is holy (Is 6:4)
- Other: _____

God reveals himself to Isaiah as he is. God is much different than many people want Him to be. Why do you think people like to make up in their own minds who God is? What is the problem with this?

- **Isaiah Responds**

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." —Isaiah 6:5

We'll never see ourselves for what we really are until we see God for what He really is.

Question: How is Isaiah's response in verse 5 related to what the angels were saying in verse 4? Have you ever felt this way in response to God? Do you think this is a proper response?

Rhythm #2

- God shows grace and mercy

Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." —Isaiah 6:6-7

Question: How does God solve Isaiah's problem of being unworthy?

For Discussion: Share a time in your life when God made you right.

- **Isaiah receives what God gives.**

Question: What prevents people from accepting God's gift of grace?

- Pride
- Self-righteousness
- Feeling like they don't deserve it
- Trying to earn God's gift
- Other: _____

Rhythm #3

- God reveals the mission

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" —Isaiah 6:8a

Question: What "mission" do you see in Springfield, MO? What "mission" do you see around the world?

- **Isaiah accepts the missions. In fact, he jumps at it.**

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" —Isaiah 6:8b

Question: What "mission" would you like to get involved with? What kind of "mission" can our Small Group go on together?

Work It Out!

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