

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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You Never Have My Forgiveness
He Said What?!

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Break the Ice!

What's a problem you've solved, large or small, that's been a help or encouragement to you?

How I approach problems:

- What would Oprah do?
- Scarlet O'Hara, "I'll think about it tomorrow."
- They're disasters disguised as opportunities.
- Remember Chicken Little was an optimist.
- Party!
- Other: _____

Talk it over!

Read Mark 3:20-30

Big Idea: Jesus is someone who gives warnings.

Why do we not like to think of Jesus as someone who brings warnings?

Observation: This warning from Jesus is marshaled against religious people, not unbelievers.

Question: Why is this observation important?

What is blasphemy of the Holy Spirit?

1. BHS is not a common sin
2. It is not simply rejecting God and dying in a state of unforgiveness.

Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. –Matthew 12:32

3. It is an uncommon sin in a category all by itself.

I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. ²⁹But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin." ³⁰He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit."

—Mark 3:28-30

Question: How do these statements about blasphemy of the Holy Spirit help your understanding of the sin? Have you ever worried that you were a “blasphemer”? Do these statements help ease your worries?

**Blasphemy of Holy Spirit:
A hardness of a person’s heart against God to such a degree that they attribute the work of God in Jesus Christ to Satan.**

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. ²¹ Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight. —Isaiah 5:20-21

Why does Jesus call this unforgivable?

1. It is indicative of a person who blasphemes, not the God who forgives.

Question: What does our sin say about God?

- That he is just and
- Nothing
- It exposes his righteousness
- It shows us how merciful He is
- Other: _____

2. It is a sin of insolence, not ignorance.

Question: What is the difference between these two types of sin and why is this important?

Are there any treasures to find in this warning?

1. The presence of a warning demonstrates God’s kindness towards us.

Question: When did you first become aware of God’s kindness in your life?

2. The warning displays God’s lavish desire to forgive sinners.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. —2 Peter 3:9

Question: What is our responsibility in helping people receive forgiveness?

- We need to tell them about Jesus
- We need to live lives that reflect the life of Jesus
- We need to stand on the street corner and tell everyone that they are a sinner.
- We need to stop watching Disney movies
- We need to become friends with people that are far from God.
- Other: _____

One way I can open my life more to God’s forgiveness of my own sin:

- Accept that I’m not the center of the universe.
- Let God handle my fear.
- Trust that God has my best interest at heart.
- Let go of my resentment and bitterness.
- Include God in my decision-making
- Other: _____

Work It Out!

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