

# SMALL GROUPS



## Leader's Guide

### Overview

Joining a small group can actually be a scary proposition for some people. But in reality Small Groups are one of God's biggest and best ideas! The word "church" shows up in the bible no less than 79 times. In some cases we read of large group meetings at the temple and at other times we hear of smaller groups gathering in homes. Which is it? Large or small? The answer is... it's both! In this message we'll take a look at God's plan for small groups, and how they are an essential part of God's plan for every believer's life!

### Suggested Format (90 minute meeting)

- 15 minutes – Greet & Treat. Welcome people.
- 30 minutes – Intro & Video. Introduce the topic, hand out blanks and show the video.
- 35 minutes – Discussion. Lead the group through an honest discussion using questions below.
- 10 minutes – Prayer. Ask for prayer requests, and have several people pray.

### Specific Session Tips

- Note – this video was recorded during Draper's *Win, Build, Send* series on January 25, 2015. We are just re-using it here for our Base Camp video message.
- Keep in mind, depending on which location you are at, your small groups may be using a different model – but this message still applies.
- Our goal in this session is to get EVERYONE interested and motivated to join a small group!
- Have a small group directory ready for each person or couple, so they can see what is offered.

### Weekly reminders

- Pray! Before your meeting, pray for each person by name and ask God to speak to their hearts!
- At the end of the meeting, remind people of who is on for treats the next week and what your topic will be.
- Pray at the end. Make sure to end ON TIME (You can always tell people they can stay – but give those who need to leave the option as soon as the class time expires).

### Possible Discussion Questions

1. Ice Breaker: "If there was a fire in your home and you could only take out two possessions (not people or pets – assume they are safely outside!) What would they be?"
2. How valuable are these "possessions" compared to relationships and people?
3. Why do you think relationships are such an important part of God's plan for the church?
4. How have you been impacted by relationships in a small group setting in the past? Elaborate.
5. Discuss the benefits of joining a small group? What holds people back from joining one?

### Applications & Assignments (For next week)

1. Look at your small group directory or talk to your leaders about joining a small group this week.
2. Share your plan with someone else in your group.