

## **Discussion Questions for *The Big Book on Small Groups***

1. Why do you think we need help learning how to be a disciple?
2. Why was Jesus' method of teaching so effective?
3. What has been your church or fellowship's experience with small groups in the past?
4. How would you introduce or build a stronger small group ministry in your church?
5. What two things set a superior program apart from others?
6. Why does community run like a thread through every aspect of small group ministry?
7. What, in your own words, is a leader?
8. What do you think a Christian leader's relationship with God should be like? With others?
9. How can you balance the demands of leadership with a healthy understanding of your weakness and frailty?
10. In your own words, what happens in Christian community?
11. In what one way could your sharing of your past allow people to understand you better? The sharing of your present? The sharing of your future?
12. Picture yourself leading a small group. What do you think a reality oriented small group would look like? An accepting small group? A stimulating small group? A leader-developing small group?
13. Why is prayer "one of the greatest gifts you can give"?
14. Briefly state the problems inherent in group expectations.
15. How does working through "who we are and what we do" define a group's identity and help the group understand its expectations?
16. In your own words why is it so important to read and apply God's Word?
17. What objection might some have to serious study of God's Word in small groups? In what ways is this concern valid? Not valid?

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18. What are the three basic components of Christ-centered worship?
19. Which of the five worship ideas (psalms, hymns, spiritual songs, sharing and prayer) do you feel most comfortable with? Why?
20. Why is it important to be humble when approaching God? What is humility?
21. How can prayer minister to the individual needs or people in a small group?
22. Is evangelism something that you feel confident doing? Why or why not?
23. How can the one sharing his or her faith include God in the process of evangelism?
24. How would you reconcile evangelism and social concern in mission if you were a crosscultural missionary?
25. What are your greatest concerns as you prepare to lead a small group?
26. What part does, and should, prayer play in your decision-making?

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