

# BIG IDEA SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Small groups that focus on the Big Idea for the week can use this guide to apply the message to life and take action. Feel free to use whatever parts of this guide best fit your group personality and time frame. All verses, unless otherwise noted, are from the New International Version (NIV).

**10.25/26.08 // DNA OF THE REPRODUCING CHURCH: REPRODUCING GROUPS**  
**The more groups we reproduce, the more people that can be disciplined.**

## // Ice Breaker \_\_\_\_\_

**Option 1: What groups did you belong to in school? Sports teams? Clubs? Scouts? Why did you or did you not join them?**

**Option 2: What are some of the fears or concerns you had (or still have) for not being part of a small group?**

## // Questions for Discussion \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you think American culture has become too isolated, or are we more connected than ever? Why?**

**How does the neighborhood bar offer an imitation of the church?**

**What are some of the causes for people becoming “church drop-outs”? Is this the fault of the church, or of the person who leaves?**

**How can we recapture the spirit of the early church in Acts 2? Read Acts 2:42-47. Is this still applicable today for our culture? How is it different?**

42They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. 44All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 46Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

**What are some practical ways that we can practice the “one anothers” of the New Testament, and provide care and support for one another?**

**Read these verses:**

Love one another (John 15:12)

Pray for one another (James 5:16)

Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)

Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)

Teach and admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)

Encourage and build each other up (I Thessalonians 5:11)

Share with those in need and practice hospitality (Romans 12:13)

Motivate one another to acts of love and good works (Hebrews 10:24)

**Are churches structured in a way that enables people to be involved and cared for? Is there too much dependence on just a few to provide the care? How can this be improved? Read Exodus 18:24-26, showing the results of Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, offering advice to Moses who was**

**burdened with leading all of Israel.**

24 Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said. 25 He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. 26 They served as judges for the people at all times. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but the simple ones they decided themselves.

**How do you determine if someone has potential to be a small group leader?**

**What do you think about this acrostic called FACTS? Discuss how each quality is important. Are there are other important qualities?**

**Faithful**

**Available**

**Committed**

**Teachable**

**Servant**

**What is our plan in this group for reproducing?**

**// Prayer**\_\_\_\_\_

**Pray for one another.**

**If this is a group that's open to newcomers, pray for those whom you could invite to join you.**