

Small Group Agenda

Week of April 26, 2026

Small groups exist to facilitate meaningful friendship, intentional discipleship, and biblical community. In order to help believers be the disciples God has called them to be.

GOALS FOR THIS MEETING

- Make sure everyone feels known. Begin sharing simple testimonies of how God is working in their lives. Each member should share their story/testimony within the next 2–3 meetings.
- Plan one fellowship activity outside the regular meeting (e.g., a meal, hike, or game night). This should happen at any time in the next month.
- Encourage members to practice intentional care for each other (sending messages, praying during the week).
- Keep a shared prayer list and track how God answers prayers.

If this is your first meeting: (you can also check this section in the agenda for the January 18th meeting)

- Rekindle relationships and meet new members.
- Clarify your group's direction/expectations.
- Briefly discuss the sermon topic.
- Pray for the building of relationships and the spiritual growth of the group.

A) Sharing (10 min)

- Briefly share answers to the following question: What musical instruments have you played?

Sharing guidelines— Remember to keep answers short. Give people no more than a minute to share, especially if you have talkative people in your group.

B) Worship (optional) (10 min)

- Bible Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Pray around the passage

C) Discussion / Sharing time (using guide provided each week) (30 min)

- Read Luke Luke 5:33-39

Note to the leader: Remember that you can choose from these questions. The goal is to facilitate a good discussion around the passage preached on Sunday.

Observe

1. Who is Jesus talking to in these verses? What is their concern?
2. What metaphor does Jesus use to describe himself? What other New Testament verse(s) describes Jesus using this metaphor?
3. How does Jesus' answer contrast with the traditional fasting practices of that time?

Reflect

4. What is the purpose of fasting? Why would it not have been appropriate for Jesus' disciples to fast?
5. Can tradition make you more righteous? Why is Jesus superior to tradition?
6. What is Jesus referring to when he talks about "new garments" and "new wine", and "old garments" and "old wineskins"?

Apply

7. What traditions do you hold onto that conflict with the Gospel, or take priority over the Gospel?
8. In your attitudes and practices how can you reflect the joy you have in Christ?
9. How can you pray for our church and the leadership as we face transitions in the next year? Are you willing to let go of the old traditions and be open to the new things Christ has for his church?

D) Prayer (10 min)

- Pray for one another for the help of the Holy Spirit, for faith to trust God's plan for your lives.
- Pray for your group and the church that God will continue to open doors to share the Gospel. Continue to pray for the people around you who need to trust in Jesus for salvation.