

Growth through small groups

God's plan for growing his Church has always included small groups meeting together for prayer, fellowship, study, worship and evangelism.

However, the Church has not always been very good at resourcing its small groups!

This Tabernacle Course, running over a single weekend in February 2006, aims to provide the leadership of the Church, current small group leaders, potential small group leaders and anyone who is

interested in knowing more about this ministry with the training and knowledge to increase the effectiveness of their ministry.



They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46-47



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The Small Groups Leaders' Training Course



**17th and 18th February
2006**

Small Groups Leaders' Course

God's plan for us to reach the world for Christ is clearly stated in Matthew 28:19-20:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Nowhere does the Scripture tell us to 'wait' for the unsaved world to come to us! One of the key methods for reaching the unsaved is through our networks of friends, families and neighbours, as each of us seeks to fulfill the great commission in our own lives.

In Church it is easy for people to become lost in the crowd, and small groups are a vital part of ensuring that everyone is pastored, nurtured, encouraged, equipped and released for ministry. In small groups newcomers are more easily welcomed and nurtured, and in this setting, asking questions and finding answers can be easier than a main Church meeting. For an effective small group ministry we need effective leaders, and this training course is designed to equip us to reflect God's love in our Church, community and world through a growing network of small groups.

This 2 day course is **free** for Tabs members, and **£20** for visitors to cover the cost of **materials**.

Programme

Friday 17th February

7.30 pm Welcome & Introduction

7.45 pm Leadership Skills

- Characteristics
- Qualities
- Obstacles
- Styles
- Prayerful leadership

9.00 pm Small-Group exercise

In a small group setting, an exercise to review leadership skills... and put some of them into practice!

9.30 pm Finish

Saturday 18th February

10.00 am Communication Skills

- Levels of Communication
- Communication Skill
- Non-verbal Communication
- Communication Exercise

11.15 am Coffee

11.30 am Introduction to Cell Groups

What is the difference between Bible Study Groups, Fellowship Groups and cell groups? Which is most appropriate in our setting? What is a Cell Church?

Saturday (continued)

12.30 pm Lunch

1.30 pm Witnessing from small groups

- Everyone should be prepared - but are you?
- Employing relationships
- 'Hit lists' and targets

2.30 pm Nurture and development in small groups

- Eight levels of spiritual development
- Equipping, empowering & employing small group members.

3.00 pm Tea

3.15 pm Building relationships

- Covenant
- Components
- Chokers
- Composition

4.15 pm Prayer and close

