

# MINISTRY OF DISCIPLESHIP





Lecture 8  
Corporate Models:  
Small Groups

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## SMALL GROUPS AS A KEY COMPONENT OF DISCIPLESHIP

- Why small groups?
- Discipleship is relational.
- Therefore, small groups encourage the relational component of growing in faith.
- For most churches, the best tool they have for discipling people is the small group model.





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### KEY QUESTIONS WHEN SETTING UP A SMALL GROUP STRUCTURE

- What is the purpose for having small groups?
- Will groups be primarily focused on learning biblical truth or building relationships?
- Should groups be closed or open?
- What is the minimum/maximum acceptable size for a group?
- What is the frequency of meetings?
- What qualifications does a leader need?
- What are the onramps for getting people connected to a group?



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- What are the rubrics for measuring growth?
- What resources or tools will the groups use?
- Who oversees spiritual content and direction?
- Who oversees the leaders?
- Do you take attendance?
- What is the hospitality/care responsibilities of a group?
- Should service elements be added to a group?
- What about children/families?



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### KEY QUESTIONS WHEN SETTING UP A SMALL GROUP STRUCTURE

- What should the demographic makeup look like?
- How do we foster an environment of prayer?
- Is there a missional element to the groups?
- How often do you train leaders?
- How do you handle “people problems” within a group?
- Are virtual groups an option?
- Are hybrid groups an option? (physical and virtual)