

First (Small Group)

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- I. **There's a "*_small_ _group_*" involved** in *_saving_* us
- A. The *_Father_ _chose_ and _called_* us
- B. God the *_Son_ _loves_* us and wants us to share His *_glory_*
- C. God the *_Spirit_ _sanctifies_* us
- II. **God's "*_group_*" is a *_model_* for us**
- A. We work *_together_* toward *_salvation_*
- B. We *_function_* in different *_roles_*
- C. We *_love_ one _another_*
- III. Since God is *_rescuing_* us, we *_do_ our _part_*
- A. We *_stand_* firm and *_hold_* on
- B. Encouraged and strengthened, we *_do_* and *_say_ _good_* things

II Thess 2:1-12;
Titus 3:5;
Acts 2:47

I Cor 8:4-6; I Pet 1:1-2;
Rom 8:28-30; II Cor 13:14;
John 3:16; Rom 5:8;
I John 4:10; I Cor 7:18-23;
Acts 2:21, 39; 26:14

Matt 19:28-30;
II Tim 2:10-12a; Eph 5:25;
Rom 8:17

Gen 1:1-2; Eph 3:16-17;
Rom 8:28-29; II Cor 3:18;
James 1:17; I Tim 4:3;
Matt 6:9-13; Rom 1:21;
Ps 62:11; John 4:24;
I Pet 1:1-2; Luke 6:46;
Phil 2:9-11; Acts 16:6-7;
Eph 4:30; 5:18-19;
I Thess 5:19; Gal 5:22-23;
II Cor 13:14; Phil 2:1

Eph 5:1; John 5:19

II Tim 2:10; Col 1:27-29;
Eph 4:16-17

John 13:34;
Gal 4:19

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

The following is designed to help your group enter into meaningful discussion and application as you become a more fully-devoted follower of Jesus. These questions are a guide and you may not address all of them in group. Look through them ahead of time and identify questions you would like to discuss more thoroughly together. Any questions not addressed during group may be useful for personal study. Remember, our goal is to not just listen to the Word but obey it (James 1:22).

RELATE

1. What was the best food you found at the tailgate party? Share other highlights.
2. In your Bible reading, have you slowed down enough to chew on something and then “swallow” it so it became more a part of you? Share an example.

REVIEW

1. There are two groups of people, those who are perishing and those being saved. What does the perishing process look like? Where does it end? What does the “being saved” process look like? Where does it end?
2. What is the role of the Father in our “being saved”? What is the role of the Son? What is the role of the Spirit? (try naming two functions of each) Bonus: List additional works of the Spirit in a believer’s life.

DIG

1. **The word “trinity” or “triune” is not used in Scripture. How would you use the following verses to explain the Trinity to a new believer?**
Deuteronomy 6:4

Genesis 1:26

Matthew 3:16-17

1 John 5:20

Acts 5:3-4
2. What can we learn from the unity of the Triune God that we can implement in our relationships, specifically small groups?

APPLICATION

1. How have you responded properly to the Father? The Son? The Spirit?
2. How have small groups been significant in your spiritual growth (sanctification)?
3. How might your small group help you grow this year?

RESOURCES

Core Discipleship Module Two, “Who is God and What’s So Great About Him” – available at Bethel Office (628-0150).