



Small Group Discussion Guide

5 Elements of a Silverdale Small Group

Series: Small Group Emphasis Weekend

Main Text: Acts 2:42–47

Introduction

This guide can be used on your own or with a small group to reflect on the weekend message and apply it to your life. Choose the questions that work best for your group—there's no need to go through them all. To learn more, visit silverdalebc.com/smallgroups.

Icebreaker Options

1. If your small group planned a "perfect evening together," what would definitely need to be included?
2. Think of someone who has positively influenced your life. What simple habit or quality made such a difference?

Leader's Note

Small groups are designed to be much more than weekly meetings—they're places where people grow spiritually, build meaningful relationships, and live out their faith together. As you begin, encourage everyone to participate freely, knowing there are no perfect answers. The goal is simply to help one another take the next step in following Jesus.

1. Pursue God

Key Scripture

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."— Acts 2:42

Discuss

- What practices help you stay focused on pursuing God during a busy week?
- When have you experienced God using other believers to strengthen your walk with Him?

Leader's Note

Everything a healthy group does flows from a growing relationship with Christ. Encourage the group to think beyond corporate worship attendance and consider deeper relationships that strengthen your walk with God.

2. Build Relationships

Key Scripture

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."— Acts 2:42

Discuss

- What helps you feel welcomed and connected in a group?
- How can we intentionally create an environment where people feel safe to share honestly?
- Why is consistency in meeting together important to deepen relationships?

Leader's Note

Healthy relationships are built over time through consistency, hospitality, and genuine care. Small groups become stronger when members move beyond casual conversation into authentic community.

3. Serve Together

Key Scripture

"And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need." — Acts 2:45

Discuss

- How has serving alongside other believers encouraged your own faith?
- Where do you see opportunities for our group to meet practical needs inside or outside the church?
- What is one act of service our group could realistically accomplish by the end of the year? Make a plan to serve together in that area!

Leader's Note

Serving shifts our focus from ourselves to others. As groups meet needs together, they demonstrate Christ's love while growing closer as a spiritual family.

4. Develop Disciples

Key Scripture

"Day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God..." — Acts 2:46–47a

Discuss

- Looking back over the past year, how have you seen God grow you spiritually?
- What is one area where you sense God inviting you to take a next step in your faith? How can this group encourage or support you as you take that next step?

Leader's Note

Spiritual growth is a lifelong journey. Small groups provide encouragement, accountability, and opportunities to help one another become more like Christ.

5. Multiply

Key Scripture

"And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." — **Acts 2:47b**

Discuss

- Who in your life might benefit from being part of a biblical community like this one?
- What attitudes or habits help a group remain welcoming to new people?
- How can we pray and prepare for God to use our group to reach others?

Leader's Note

Multiplication begins long before a new group starts. It begins with hearts that are open to welcoming others, investing in new believers, and trusting God to continue expanding His kingdom.

Closing Prayer

Spend time thanking God for the gift of biblical community. Pray that He would help your group pursue Him wholeheartedly, build authentic relationships, serve others with joy, grow as disciples of Jesus, and remain open to welcoming new people into community. Finally, pray for any personal needs shared by the group and ask God to guide each person in their next step of faith.