



# Rick Howerton, Lifeway

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**Rick Howerton** is one of the unheralded leaders in the small group movement. Rick's vision is to see "a biblical small group within walking distance of every person on the planet." Having gone on and taken groups on the journey himself his passion for groups is creating a contagion. This guy honestly believes that small groups can and will change the world.

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An experienced small-group pastor (he built one church's small-group ministry from nothing to 450 members in just a few short years), Rick is also a church planter. Right now he serves as senior pastor of The Bridge, a church plant he started that is built around healthy small groups. Additionally, Rick is a highly sought after small-group speaker leading thousands of people in scores of conferences nationwide every year.

Rick has authored or co-authored three small-group studies:

- *Small-Group Kick-Off Retreat: Experiential Training for Group Leaders*
- *Great Beginnings: Your First Small-Group Study*
- *Redeeming the Tears: A Journey Through Grief and Loss*

Rick is also author of *Destination Community: Small-Group Ministry Manual*, an all-encompassing, 172-page guide to creating a small-group ministry and starting and leading passionate, life-changing small groups. The book has been enthusiastically received:

*"Rick spreads a fresh canvas for envisioning small-group ministry. It reaches beyond the how-tos and into the heart and soul of living in community. Destination Community will challenge and equip you to do life together and not just play church. A great tool for leaders who are serious about experiencing redemptive, culture-transforming community!"*

Steve Gladen, Saddleback Church

This not only describes the book, it describes Rick Howerton's soul!