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# Small Group Resource Material

## Small Group Leader Studies

### Catalogs:

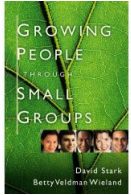
Premiere Small-Group Resources 2008-2009, Serendipity  
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The One Source Church Supply Catalog, Lifeway

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### Don't Kill Your Small Groups DVD

Sessions: 6

This DVD contains video training on six of the most critical issues that every small group faces. We've gathered wisdom and insights from the top small group leaders across the country. Session titles are: I'm new to Leading a Small Group, My Group Wants to Serve Others, I Don't Know What We Should Study, I want To Take the Group Deeper, My Group Struggles with Internal Group Dynamics, and How Do I Lead My Volunteer Leaders?



### Growing People Through Small Groups

David Stark and Betty Veldman Wieland

This book gets to the heart of small groups--the people in them. It explains the foundational principles for designing small groups and tells story after inspiring story of how God uses small groups to grow people in their walk with him. Provides a fresh look at small groups by beginning with people and principles rather than program and structure.



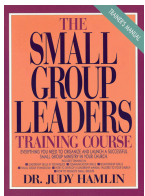
### Becoming a Disciple: Become Small Group Leaders

Sessions: 8

This is a very unique small-group study because participants are in training to become small-group leaders and discussion facilitators. More individual preparation is required and participants will learn by doing. Each group member will experience community within the group and learn the key principles and practices for effective small-groups.

This study will focus on very practical issues including:

- Connecting with Each Other by Connecting with Christ
- Helping Others Tell Their Stories
- Affirming Each Other
- Finding Our Giftedness
- Giving Mutual Admonition
- Dealing with Controversy
- The Centrality of Prayer
- Mission and Multiplication



### The Small Group Leaders Training Course

(Trainer's Manual and Participants Manual)

Dr. Judy Hamlin

Everything you need to organize and launch a successful small group ministry in your church. Includes training in:

- Leadership skills and techniques
- Communication Skills
- Relationship Skills
- Small Group Evangelism
- How to Develop a Leadership Manual Tailored to Your Church
- How to Promote Small Groups



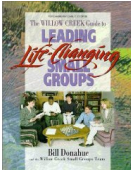
## Director's Workbook for Small Groups

Steve Sheely



### Leader Guide

This practical, helpful and easy-to-use leader guide will give you all the tips you need to start and lead a dynamic HomeBuilders small group. Even if you've never led a group before, this guide will encourage, excite and equip you to start one today!

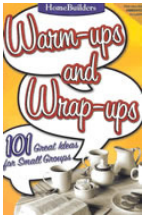


### The Willow Creek Guide to Leading Life-Changing Small Groups

Bill Donahue and the Willow Creek Small Groups Team

The unique, ready-reference format of *Leading Life-Changing Small Groups* gives small group leaders, pastors, church leaders, educators, and counselors a commanding grasp of:

- Group formation and values
- Leadership requirements and responsibilities
- The philosophy and structure of small groups
- Meeting preparation and participation
- Discipleship within the group
- Leadership training... and much more



### Warm-Ups and Wrap-Ups

101 Great Ideas for Small Groups

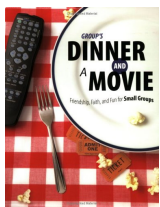
Get your small group meeting off to a great start and have an unforgettable ending! These interactive discussion starters and closers will add fun and build relationships in any adult meeting or Bible study.



### The Great Commission Part II: Becoming the Hands of Christ

Steve Cummings and Glenn Newton

Part Two is an in-depth application of a neglected command of Jesus, "teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you." Evangelistic zeal is essential. But today's church baptizes many only to see them slip out the back door, untaught, confused, and feeling unloved. This book offers practical strategies for assimilating new members and for reaching church dropouts. It encourages us to become the hands of Jesus as we show struggling brethren the joy of involvement in a healthy, growing church.



### Group's Dinner and a Movie

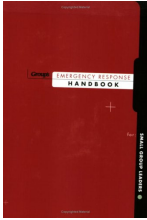
Friendship, Faith, and Fun for Small Groups

Engage your group with fellowship and film! Plan a party or fellowship evening when you're between studies, or schedule a Dinner and a Movie event anytime your group would enjoy something a little different.

## Heart to Heart, Verse by Verse

Dan Williams

What if your small groups could promote intimacy with God through His word and intimacy within the group as people share and learn how to make the Bible come alive in their own life? This study will: 1) Show you how to quickly and effectively prepare for Bible studies that are rich looks at God's word and relevant in today's world, 2) Give you clear, easy-to-follow instructions to lead more effective group Bible studies, 3) Bring joy to the work of small group leaders and teachers because they will be focused on the Biblical text and the needs of the group.



### Group's Emergency Response for Small Group Leaders

You want to help, but don't know how... here are practical ways to love others through their greatest challenges. Someone in our group is facing a terminal illness. Good friends of ours just lost their child. A member of our group is struggling with an addiction. People face difficult, painful stuff in life – and they shouldn't struggle alone. But what do you say? How do you help? What if you make things worse? This rapid-response handbook gives you and your small group the confidence to share God's love and comfort with hurting friends.



### Great Beginnings

Your First Small-Group Study – Rick Howerton

Sessions: 6

The first question that new small groups ask is, "Where do we begin?" As you get to know one another and share your stories, you'll also grasp the key ingredients for creating a great community. Topics include:

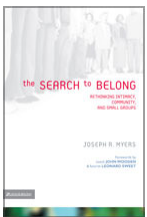
- Gain an understanding of life in Christian Community;
- Uncover the uniqueness of each individual with the Resources Profile;
- Increase the effectiveness of service within the group using the Spiritual Gifts Assessment;
- Deepen relationships and engage your God-given passions by mapping your personal stories;
- Jump-start the process of sharing real life together; and,
- Unleash the power of commitment.



### Assessment – Personal Audit

Serendipity 101

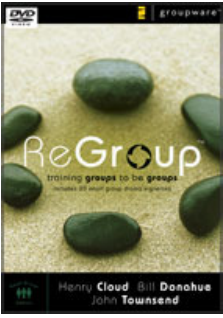
Taking a 7-part self-inventory.



### The Search to Belong (Rethinking Intimacy, Community, and Small Groups)

A practical guide for those struggling to build a community of believers in a culture that wants to experience belonging over believing. Who is my neighbor? Who belongs to me? To whom do I belong? These are timeless questions that guide the church to its fundamental calling. Today terms like neighbor, family, and congregation are being redefined. People are searching to belong in new places and experiences. The church needs to adapt its interpretations, definitions, and language to make sense in the changing culture. This book equips congregations and church leaders with tools to:

- Discern the key ingredients people look for in community
- Understand the use of space as a key element for experiencing belonging and community
- Develop the "chemical compound" that produces an environment for community to spontaneously emerge
- Discover how language promotes specific spatial belonging and then use this knowledge to build an effective vocabulary for community development
- Create an assessment tool for evaluating organizational and personal community health



**ReGroup (training groups to be groups)**

By Henry Cloud, Bill Donahue, John Townsend

Sessions: 4, Tips: 13

In this revolutionary new curriculum, Henry Cloud, Bill Donahue, and John Townsend establish a whole new training paradigm—one that equips leaders and groups simultaneously and gives them everything they need to start and sustain a life-changing group.



**rightnow The Mission of the Church Matters**

Matt Chandler, The Village Church

Church Leadership Development Kit: With Francis Chan, Matt Chandler, Mark Batterson, Tim Ross, Alan Danielson and George Barna

Biblical teaching, behind-the-scenes interviews, real-life stories, cinematic illustrations, audio messages and facilitator's guide.