

# SMALL GROUP MEETING

## Explanation

This is a four-week study teaching and encouraging small groups to become more intentional in sharing their faith by using *No Sweat Evangelism*. The focus is to lead each person to pray for one lost person in their circle of influence and to commit to sharing the gospel with them by using *No Sweat Evangelism* principles.

## Enlist

**Pastor** – Work with church leaders to determine the number of small groups needed to teach the maximum number of people. Provide training to all small group leaders.

**Small Group Leader** – Study the *No Sweat Evangelism* materials to be able to facilitate study, group discussion, and participation.

**Prayer Warriors** – Make prayer a priority during these four weeks. Pray for the small group leaders, small group members, and those who will hear the gospel during these four weeks.

## Equip

Small group leaders must study the *No Sweat Evangelism* materials and stay on target with their teaching of materials and leading discussions. Encourage the leaders to be motivational and excited about the impact this study will have. A passion for lost people is both taught and caught.

Prior to the first meeting of the group, have participants read pages 1-15 of the *No Sweat Evangelism* booklet.

## Execute

### **Week 1: Play introduction video.**

Introduce *No Sweat Evangelism* to your small group. Facilitate the study and discussion by using the following from *No Sweat Evangelism*:

- “We have been Robbed” section.
  - The thief has robbed us of our passion and privilege of sharing the good news. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
  - Ask the questions listed in *No Sweat Evangelism* page 8.

- Discuss Extreme Ownership section.
  - Discuss how to view yourself biblically. Why does this make a difference in the life of a Jesus follower?
  - Discuss what the A.N.T.S. are and why they must be killed. Which one stood out to you the most and why?
  - Discuss the importance of inviting accountability. Do you have accountability, and, if not, who could you ask? How could you go about making accountability a regular part of your life?
- As you close this section of *No Sweat Evangelism* ask the question:

What steps do you need to take to begin taking extreme ownership of the Great Commission?

- End this first meeting with prayer. Take prayer requests, and then ask your small group to think about one lost person in their circle of influence and write down his or her name. Encourage them to start praying for that person and for God to give them an opportunity to share the gospel in the next four weeks.
- Read pages 17-23 for next week's discussion.

## **Week 2: Play introduction video.**

Conduct a brief review of week 1. Facilitate the study and discussion and study by using the following from *No Sweat Evangelism*:

- Discuss Intentional Practicality with the group. Have them share what stood out to them in their reading.
- Ask the following:
  - Whose responsibility is it to make sure your neighborhood hears the gospel of Jesus?
  - How can you view your home, neighborhood, and community as your mission field?
  - Where do you work? How can you view your occupation as a strategic position God has given you?
  - Where do you spend your extracurricular time, do you consider it your responsibility to share the gospel of Jesus?
  - How can you share the gospel of Jesus specifically in these places? Share a place where you have shared or could share.

- How have you been robbed of your ownership of the Great Commission? In other words, what keeps you from being involved in the Great Commission? Allow each person to share.
- Include a poster size “live, work, and play” for participants to put names of people they know who are far from God in those areas. This will be an opportunity for the group to begin praying for those people by name. Encourage you each person in your group to make a copy of the poster. Here is an idea: They can take a picture of the poster with their cell phones.
- Discuss “The 4 W’s.”
  1. Who?
  2. What?
  3. When?
  4. Where?
- Why is it important to go through the “4 W’s?” What do you believe will happen if it you don’t plan to share Jesus with others?
- Take a moment and allow each person in the group to write out a plan using one of the persons they indicated prior who does not have a relationship with Jesus. Allow each person to share their plan. Remember, help them be as specific as possible. The more specific, the more strategic.
- Have a few testimonies from the small group that you have arranged in advanced of this meeting. They will briefly describe how they shared the gospel with the lost person in their circle of influence. Ask if anyone else would like to share. Encourage the group to keep praying and sharing the gospel with others.
- Encourage them this week to spend time each day praying for each of those people. Read pages 25-28 for next week.

### **Week 3: Play the introduction video.**

Facilitate the study and discussion by using the following from *No Sweat Evangelism*.

- Begin by reminding your group of “The 4 W’s” and have individuals share any progress they made since your last meeting.
- Ask your group what they learned through the assigned reading material. Explain how developing ‘evangelistic curiosity’ can open doors for spiritual conversations.
- Spend some time going over participant answers on page 28.

- As the leader, introduce the *No Sweat Evangelism* method. Go ahead and show them how to use three objects to share the gospel. Instruction can be found on page 29-33.
- Each participant will read about it in the upcoming week and will practice at the next meeting.
- Read pages 29-37 for next week.

#### **Week 4: Play introduction video.**

Begin this last meeting by asking if anyone did the 4 W's from last week. Share experiences. Facilitate the study and discussion by using the following from *No Sweat Evangelism*.

- Discuss what it means to let people see what you are saying. Go over the “three objects” presentation of the gospel. It is important that the Small Group Leader uses the object lessons in *No Sweat Evangelism* to illustrate the following:
  1. You are not an accident.
  2. We are apart from God because of sin.
  3. God approached us in Jesus.
  4. You must accept Jesus by faith.
- Allow your small group to practice *No Sweat Evangelism*.
- Discuss the importance of The Big Ask.
- Discuss the meaning of A.B.C.'s. How can we share this with someone without using churchy language that may not be easily understood?
- Explain the meaning of baptism. Why is this important?
- Close the *No Sweat Evangelism* study with this question and discussion:  
What is your next step in reaching those where you live, work, and play who are far from God?
- Celebrate the four-week study and all that has been accomplished and the spiritual growth that has occurred.
- Pray a prayer of blessing, boldness, and open doors to share with their circle of influence.

## **Follow-up**

- The Small Group Leader should continue to pray for the small group.
- Continue to encourage and provide accountability by motivating them to live as missionaries.
- The pastor should contact those who attended the *No Sweat Evangelism* small group by letters, cards, emails, texts, and/or phone calls.
- Celebrate your excitement on their passion and knowledge of sharing the gospel of Jesus.
- Consider filming some videos of *No Sweat Evangelism* testimonies to be shown during a weekly worship service.
- Inform your church that they can sign up if they would be interested in attending a future *No Sweat Evangelism* Small Group.