

# Small Groups

## Conversation Guide – New Fellowship

### Main Idea

This week, Pastor Mark Pettus shared the importance of “New Fellowship” for Part 4 of our series, “All Things New.” Fellowship happens through the relationships in our lives that are centered on the unity we have in Jesus. Fellowship is a huge theme in the Bible, which helps us see that we can best hold onto our faith by holding onto our fellowship. We were made to do this life TOGETHER, which is why we are a together church. We believe **together is God’s plan!** As believers, we should gather, spur each other on, and help each other. Together, we win! We know, however, that **together isn’t always easy.** For some of us, “together” can feel threatening because of past hurts we have experienced relationally. It’s important that we trust God and stick to His plan for us to do life together, because the enemy wants us to be alone. Ultimately, **together is a choice.** It is up to us to choose to do life with others, so that we can experience the full life God has planned for us. At Highlands, Small Groups are a wonderful, specifically designed way that we can experience life together. If we look at the life and relationships of King David, we will see three things that we can experience in groups!

### Make It Practical

- **We see the best in each other!** God gave Samuel eyes to see David for all he could be, and he anointed him to step into it. We, too, can ask God to help us see others like He sees them. When we surround ourselves with people who see the Truth, we can sharpen each other and help each other grow in Christ.
- **We seek God for each other!** When Saul wanted to take David’s life, Jonathan stepped in and helped David find strength in God. One of the best parts of groups is that no matter what we are going through in life, we don’t have to go through it alone.
- **We speak truth to each other!** While David was king, he made terrible mistakes. He was blind to his sin, but had people around him who were honest with him about what was happening. In groups, we can “get real,” be vulnerable, and help guide each other to the truth of God’s Word concerning our lives.

**“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging**

**one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”**

## **Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV)**

### **Talk About It**

1. Read Proverbs 27:17 (NLT). How does this verse speak to the importance of doing life together?
2. Read Proverbs 17:17(NIV). Share how your life has been impacted by others stepping in to help during a difficult time. What are practical ways we can encourage each other during good times and bad?
3. Do you have someone that you can get real with and allow to speak truth into your life? Discuss why the enemy doesn't want this for your life.

**“Together, we win!”**

### **Prayer**

God, thank You for designing us to do life together, and for giving us Your Son and Word to show us how to do it well. Help us to have the faith and courage to make the choice to do life with other believers. We want to see the best in each other, seek You for each other, and speak Truth to each other! Place the right people in our paths, so that we are never doing this life alone. Today, we declare that the enemy's plan to keep us isolated will never come to pass. Together – we win! In Your mighty name, Jesus! Amen.

### **Tips**

Life is better in a group! The spring Small Group semester begins this Sunday February 2. Check out [www.churchofthehighlands.com/groups](http://www.churchofthehighlands.com/groups) to find a group!