

How Much Does It Cost?

The cost is negotiable, depending on the number of participants, the length of the event (1–2 days), and the number of workshops and leaders needed.

For more information on hosting a small group ministry seminar, contact

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Or send this form to the address above:

CHURCH/HOST GROUP NAME

CONTACT PERSON

ADDRESS

ZIP

DAYTIME PHONE

EMAIL

Check all that apply.

- I want to host a small group ministries event in my area.
- Please tell me more about hosting a small group ministries event.
- I need help in planning an event.
- Please notify me of events in other areas.
- I am interested in other small group ministry resources.

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Small Group

MINISTRY SEMINARS

*Helping Congregations Nurture
Disciples Through New and
Existing Small Groups*



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What Is Small Group Ministry?

Small group ministry is a systematic approach to faith formation, building Christian community, and equipping persons for ministry in daily life as disciples of Jesus Christ. Small groups, whether formed for study, choir, trustees, fellowship, or other reason, are places for spiritual growth and renewal.



What Does a Small Group Seminar Offer?

- A presentation of the Who, What, Why, and How of small group ministry
- Customizable skill-building workshops tailored to your ministry needs
- Resources that will enhance your small group ministry
- 1-1.5 Continuing Education credits, depending on the length of the seminar

Visit the website for more details:
www.gbod.org/smallgroup

What Is Standard in Each Seminar?

We believe a core of information on the “who, what, how, and why” of small group ministry is essential.

WHO participates and who leads in small group ministry

WHAT small groups are and what is their aim

HOW small groups prepare and nurture persons for ministry in daily life, including organization, dealing with diversity and change, understanding and using effective group dynamics, cultivating spiritual disciplines, forming and nurturing persons for discipleship

WHY: Biblical, theological, and historical foundations for small group ministry

What Workshop Options Are Available?

You can request particular workshops, as well as select from a variety of options, such as:

- Starting Small Groups
- Group Dynamics/Conflict Management
- Ministry Teams as Places of Transformation
- Developing Effective Leaders
- Spiritual Formation in Administrative Groups
- Learning Styles and Spiritual Types in Small Groups
- Justice Issues in Small Groups
- Group Accountability and Covenant
- Others (see www.gbod.org/smallgroup for more options)

Who Benefits from a Small Group Seminar?

These events are for congregational leaders who want to help equip persons for faithful discipleship through existing or new small group settings. These events are of special benefit to pastors and to lay and professional leaders in

- Christian education and formation
- Age-level ministries
- Evangelism and faith-sharing
- Worship and music
- Covenant discipleship
- Stewardship and outreach
- Planning and administration
- Ministry in daily life



For the best results, we suggest that churches send a team, though individual church members are welcome.

What Help Is Available for Planning a Seminar?

General Board of Discipleship staff can help local church leaders and district and conference leaders assess their ministry and decide what workshop options will be the most helpful. Call, mail in the form on the back panel, or view the website for more details, www.gbod.org/smallgroup.



Jesus said, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them” (Matthew 18:20).

“The gifts Christ gave were ... to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-12).