



## Successful Small Groups

*From Concept to Practice*

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### Summary

Small groups are a vital part of ministry. They offer churches a way to expand discipleship and build deeper relationships within their congregation, while meeting our culture's need for community and connection. But implementing and running a small-group program is not an easy endeavor. From starting from scratch to expanding their group options, many churches are eager to learn more about this important ministry.

*Successful Small Groups* is filled with everything churches need to launch and manage a small-group program. Author and ministry consultant Teena Stewart uses her experience and insight to show church leaders how to lay a strong foundation for small groups and build a healthy and effective ministry. By examining the best practices of several successful small-group programs, Stewart reveals ways to promote and multiply groups, troubleshoot, write group guidelines, train leaders, motivate groups to minister to others, and much more. She also includes examples of promotional flyers, mission statements, group covenants, and other resources—all of which are adaptable to fit a church's individual needs.

Whether you're planning to begin a program or wanting improve an existing one, *Successful Small Groups* gives you the skills and information you need to approach small-group leadership and development like a seasoned pro.

Topics include:

- Methods for training, mentoring, and equipping leaders
- Preventing leader burnout
- Suggestions for hands-on mission and benevolence projects
- Innovative teaching techniques
- Ways to keep groups energized and fun
- And more!

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