

SESSION SIX

Next

It's time to say goodbye, but I think goodbyes are sad and I'd much rather say hello. Hello to a new adventure.

—Ernie Harwell

We have reached the final step of our journey in Discover Fellowship. Our hope and prayer for people who participate in Discover Fellowship is that they grow in their faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ to His honor and glory. We want everyone to find their place to belong, grow, and serve in His Kingdom and in His church. Whether or not the Holy Spirit leads you to join Fellowship, we hope this experience has been edifying for you.

This final session of Discover Fellowship is designed to allow you to tie up any loose ends that remain from your previous five sessions of small group engagement. If anyone in your group has not shared his or her story yet, this is the time! If there was a topic you hoped to discuss or a question that never was satisfactorily answered, this is a great time to bring it up. If you are wondering about something, chances are others in your group are considering the same question, so don't be shy about asking.

WHAT'S NEXT?

As Discover Fellowship comes to a close, new opportunities await you. If you are planning to continue to call Fellowship your church home, we hope that you will participate in a small group. Your Discover Fellowship leader will have more information for you about plugging into community group, women's group, men's group, or another Fellowship small group opportunity that fits your needs. In many cases, a Discover Fellowship group will transition into a Fellowship Community Group, keeping most of the members together. If you are interested in that option with this group, please let your leader know.

Some will choose to join Fellowship. Now that you have completed Discover Fellowship, all that remains is for you to write down your story on your membership papers and sign the Member's Covenant. You can do this now or at any point in the future.

Some will choose not to join Fellowship but continue to attend. We would urge these folks to get into a small group and to continue to pray and seek the Lord's guidance about joining the church. Others will find that Fellowship is not the right fit for them. We would love to help you find a church that best suits your needs and allows you to fulfill God's plan for you.

CELEBRATE

Celebration is a spiritual discipline in which we recognize God's good gifts to us and respond with joy and gratitude. Communion is an act of obedience, celebration, and worship. We suggest finishing your Discover Fellowship experience by celebrating Communion. See Appendix D for a simple guide to celebrating Communion in a small group.

CONCLUSION

Much grace to you as you continue your own journey with Christ. We close with the words of the Apostle Paul:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."—Romans 15:13 (NIV)