



# The Ownership Small Group Study Using It in Your Small Group

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## How to Use the Small Group Study

### Pick Up or Download the Video Series and Small Group Study Guide

- Pick up a DVD and printed version of the study guide at the CTK Front Desk reception; or,
- Use the online videos and study guide at: <http://www.ctl.church/ownership/>

### Suggested Schedule for Your Small Group

#### Week 1:

- "Our History" (DVD Chapter 1)
- "Our Roadmap" (DVD Chapter 2)

#### Week 2:

- "Commitment 1-- Vibrant Relationship" (DVD Chapter 3)
- "Commitment 2-- Biblical Community" (DVD Chapter 4)

#### Week 3:

- "Commitment 3-- Reaching Out" (DVD Chapter 5)
- "Commitment 4 -- Serving" (DVD Chapter 6)

#### Week 4:

- "Commitment 5 -- Stewardship" (DVD Chapter 7)
- "Commitment 6 -- Worship" (DVD Chapter 8)
- "Conclusion" (DVD Chapter 9)

### Discussion Questions

- Use the provided questions to facilitate discussion within your small group. It's OK to not have all the answers. Recognize that people might be in very different places of growth.

### Next Steps

- At the end of the series think about an area of growth. We've provided some suggested next steps in the study. Choose one or two next steps, discuss them and support each other as you take your next step.

### Ownership Class

- When you are consistently engaged with five or six of the Core Commitments, take the next Ownership Class at CTK. Look for the time/place in the weekly program and CTK Life. The class will walk you through the application process to become a CTK Owner.



### Overview- History & Roadmap

#### Chapter 1: Our History

*with Pastor Grant Fishbook*

1. What has been your history with other churches and how did that impact you?
2. What is your history at CTK and how has that impacted you?
3. What in our history were you surprised to learn and why?

#### Chapter 2: Our Road Map

*with Pastor Todd King*

1. What did you learn about CTK and the Network that was new to you?
2. In what ways would you describe CTK as being Healthy and why?
3. In what ways do you see our values of Authenticity, Empowerment, Simplicity and Outward Focus being lived out in the church as a whole and in your life?

### Commitment 1

#### Chapter 3: Consistently Cultivating a Vibrant Relationship with Jesus Christ

*with Pastor Dan McEvoy*

1. Who in your life has a close, personal relationship with Jesus? What do you admire about their faith?
2. How did your personal relationship with Jesus begin? How has it changed over time?
3. What habits or patterns have helped you establish a daily connection with God?
4. What challenges are you facing right now in your personal relationship with Jesus? What challenges have you already overcome?

### Commitment 2

#### Chapter #4: Consistently Participating In Biblical Community

*with Pastor Rich Warriner*

1. What obstacles did the 12 disciples of Jesus face in their relationships with one another?
2. Read the "New Commandment" found in John 13:34-35. What can you learn about the importance of biblical community from this passage?
3. Describe a high point and low point in your experiences with small groups.
4. What gets in the way of loving relationships in small group? How might you overcome those obstacles?

## Commitment 3

### Chapter 5: Consistently Reaching Out to People Who Are Far From God

*with Pastor Melonie Kemp*

1. Before you became a Christian what was your view of Christians and the church?
2. Talk about the person or persons who influenced you toward Jesus and what that looked like.
3. Who do you know that by belonging to your group would be influenced toward Jesus and why?

## Commitment 4

### Chapter 6: Consistently Serving in Ministry

*with Angel Finsrud*

1. Who is your favorite super-hero? Why?
2. Has there been a time when you felt energized and very useful while serving or working? What was that like? Why do you think you felt that way?
3. Exhortation, giving, leadership, mercy, prophecy, service, teaching, evangelism, hospitality, administration, discernment, faith, healing, helps, knowledge, miracles, tongues and wisdom are some of the spiritual gifts named in scripture. If you had to list 2 or 3, which ones would they be?

## Commitment 5

### Chapter 7: Consistent Financial Stewardship

*with Pastor Rob Rogers*

1. When have you seen or experienced generosity done well? What did that look like? How did that make you feel?
2. How was money talked about in your family of origin?
3. Do you have a story of God's radical provision? If so, please share.

## Commitment 6

### Chapter 8: Consistent Corporate Worship

*with Pastor Jason Manning*

1. Why do you think the average committed church attender in America attends 1.8 worship services per month?
2. What are the obstacles you face in being a consistent attender of weekend services?
3. What are the motivating factors that bring you to a weekend worship service?

## Video #9: Conclusion

*with Todd King*

1. Now that you've discussed the 6 Commitments of Ownership, what is your next step? Review the next steps below and identify what area you'd like to grow in personally and as a group.
2. Have a discussion with your group about the next step you want to take.

For your last group discussion, review the following suggested next steps. Take some time to consider what one or two things will lead to the best spiritual growth for you and your group. Share next steps with other group members and support each other as you grow together.

### Commitment 1

#### Consistently Cultivating a Vibrant Relationship with Jesus Christ

##### Suggested Personal Next-Steps:

1. Commit to spending time with Jesus every day. Begin with short amounts of time, such as 5 minutes of Bible reading and 5 minutes of prayer. Find a comfortable place and a regular time that works.
2. Set aside one day every week to stop work and rest. Invite Jesus into this time as you eat good food, unplug, enjoy a hobby, and connect with God through the whole day.
3. Plan a one or two-day getaway to just spend time with Jesus. Find a quiet location where you can ask God big questions and then be still as you listen for what he might be saying to you. Go to [www.prayertoday.org](http://www.prayertoday.org) to find specific ideas for a personal prayer retreat.

##### Suggested Group Next-Steps:

1. Support each other in a "40 Day Challenge" to spend personal time with Jesus every day for 40 days. Brainstorm creative and positive ways to encourage one another to grow in personal devotion practices during this challenge.
2. Take a class together at CTK about growing in your personal relationship with Jesus. Look through the latest issue of CTK Life to find a good fit for your small group.

### Commitment 2

#### Consistently Participating In Biblical Community

##### Suggested Personal Next-Steps:

1. Look at your calendar in detail. Identify a few ways to free up 2 hours each week so you can consistently attend small group.
2. If you've been swimming in the shallow end of relationships, go deeper-- take some risks by opening up, sharing more of your story at small group.

##### Suggested Group Next-Steps:

1. As a small group make an agreement to pray for each other every day for 40 days. For ideas on how to pray for each other, go to <http://theprayercovenant.org/> for details and free resources
2. Brainstorm an experience that gets your small group out of the living room. Perhaps you plan a day hiking; a trip to Seattle; or, going to a concert together. Sometimes in order to grow together you need to spend time together to break up the routine.

## Commitment 3

### Consistently Reaching Out to People Who Are Far From God

#### Suggested Personal Next-Step:

1. Choose one existing friendship with somebody outside of the church. Consider ways to spend more time with that person and share more life together.

#### Suggested Group Next-Steps:

1. Make a list of people you can ask to join your group and make time each group meeting to pray for them.
2. Hold a group social and invite those you would like to belong to be your guest.

## Commitment 4

### Consistently Serving in a Ministry

#### Suggested Personal Next-Steps:

1. Take an online spiritual gifts test.  
([https://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcf\\_pdf\\_discover\\_your\\_spiritual\\_gifts.pdf](https://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcf_pdf_discover_your_spiritual_gifts.pdf))
2. Peruse CTK's partner page for serving opportunities (<http://www.ctk.church/bellingham/partners/>). Choose one service project and do it.

#### Suggested Group Next-Step:

1. Peruse CTK's partner page for serving opportunities ( <http://www.ctk.church/bellingham/partners/>)

## Commitment 5

### Consistently Stewarding Personal Resources to Finance the Ministry of CTK

#### Suggested Personal Next Steps:

1. Commit to regular giving. Learn a way to do that at <http://www.ctk.church/give/>.
2. Consider taking a financial class at CTK. Check the CTK Life flier.

#### Suggested Group Next-Steps:

1. Consider going through Dave Ramsey's "Total Money Makeover" book together.
2. Consider going through a financial class as a small group. Take a class at CTK or check out materials from our Resource Library. Contact us for more information.

## Commitment 6

### Consistently Attending Corporate Worship Gatherings

#### Suggested Personal Next Step:

1. Make a commitment with a friend or family member to attend 3 out of 4 weekend services for 3 or 4 months.

#### Suggested Group Next-Step:

1. Make a group commitment to attending 3 out of 4 weekend services for 3 or 4 months.