

# Faith Group Focus

Faith Lutheran Church

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Connecting with God and one another

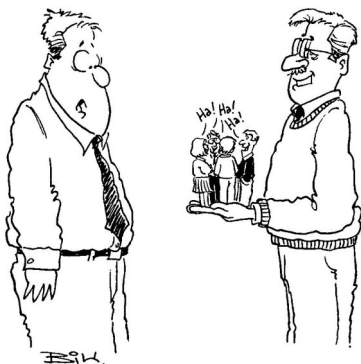


## Faith Groups Start Week of Sept. 9

**Fall Theme: IMPOSSIBLE. . .  
Are All Things Possible With God?**

- 1-When Healing Won't Come
- 2-The Lure of Status
- 3-Condemning Contradictions
- 4-Broken Marriages/Broken People
- 5-The Root of All Evil
- 6-Be careful What You Ask For
- 7-The Narrowest Door

***"Faith feels so much  
bigger, so much stronger,  
and so much deeper  
when it is shared in a  
small Group."***



"So that's your small group."

## The ABC's of Small Groups by Sandy Lennes

### Small Groups—whose idea was it?

For the New Testament church a couple thousand years ago, small groups were a way of life. In the Book of Acts, we find these believers engaged in life together through teaching, fellowship, communion, prayer, miracles, radical generosity, and corporate worship. They spent time meeting in homes together, eating, learning, celebrating, and proclaiming the Good News.

### What are the benefits of a small group?

According to Dr. Gilbert Bilezikian, Christian lecturer and writer, "It is in small groups that people can get close enough to know each other, to care and share, to challenge and support, to confide and confess, to forgive and be forgiven, to laugh and weep together, to be accountable to each other, to watch over each other and to grow together. Personal growth does not happen in isolation. It is the result of interactive relationships. Small groups are God's gift to foster changes in character and spiritual growth."

### What does a typical Faith Group do?

The Faith Group to which I belong is a vibrant part of what being a Christian is all about. Our group of 18 adults (all over the age of 60) will be meeting starting the week of September 9. We usually visit with one another until everyone arrives--catching up with our church family. After an opening prayer, we discuss the devotion for the week. Then we answer the "ice breaker" question and watch the teaching video by the pastors. Questions are provided to stimulate discussion—some evenings the discussion lingers over coffee for quite a while. In our group, we learn to love one another, forgive, serve, encourage, pray, equip, and treat each other as precious members of one body.



### How can you become part of a Faith Group?

While some groups are full, others still have room for more participants. Two women's groups are recruiting additional members for either 7 p.m. Tuesdays or 6:30 a.m. Fridays. Anyone is welcome to come to the groups that meet at 6:30 p.m. Mondays or 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Sign-up sheets are located in the gathering space and by the East front entry door. Or contact Marsha Schmidt by telephone at 587-2093 or you can email her at [marshas@faithlc.com](mailto:marshas@faithlc.com).