

# PENTECOSTAL LIFE

A man in a dark suit is seen from behind, looking out over a city skyline. In the background, a world map is overlaid with several glowing points and curved lines connecting them, suggesting global communication or mission. The overall tone is professional and spiritual.

**SMALL GROUP**  
Facilitator's Guide

## The **Blessing** of Being Sent

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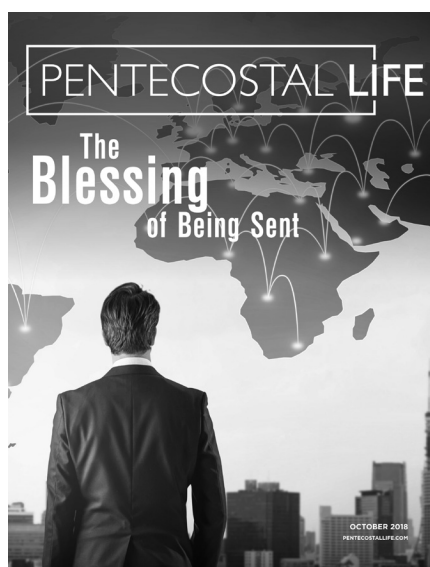
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## SMALL GROUP

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Welcome to *Pentecostal Life's* small group study, Better Together. Thank you for providing leadership for this four-session study. Your enthusiasm for the study will help to inspire and educate your group members to appreciate the missions potential of the church when we work together.



## Better Together —Small Group Overview

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Session:	Session Name / <i>Pentecostal Life</i> article:
Session One	The Blessing of Being Sent
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Session Three	When God Calls
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### Launching the Study

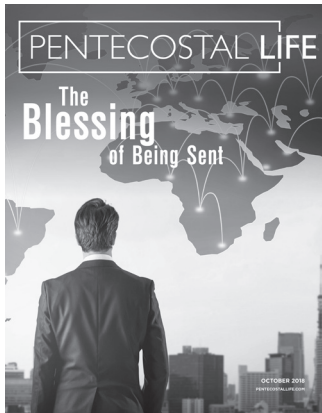
This study focuses on four areas of missions work and how individuals can work together for God's kingdom. It uses the four ENGAGE articles in the October 2018 issue of the *Pentecostal Life*. Every member of your group should have a copy of the magazine. As a leader, you will need the magazine and the downloadables from [pentecostallife.com](http://pentecostallife.com).

### Before the Study

- Pray that you and the members of the group will be ready to receive what God wants to reveal to them through this study.
- Make sure your group size is small enough to encourage interaction by all participants; if it is too large, consider breaking up into several study groups.
- Set up a circular area where all participants have a seat that allows them to see each other.
- Place an extra chair in the circle to remind the group of the evangelistic nature of the study group. The group members can be encouraged to bring visitors and to pray for their salvation.
- As the facilitator, you should read the four ENGAGE articles to become familiar with the scope of the study.
- Each week, read the discussion questions and think through the answers you anticipate will be given. Prepare to lead the conversation and make notes on the direction you will take.
- Make certain each member of the study group purchases or has access to the October 2018 issue of the *Pentecostal Life* magazine. *Pentecostal Life* is available in single or bundle subscriptions at [pentecostallife.com](http://pentecostallife.com).
- Each week, instruct your study group members to read the appropriate ENGAGE article for the following week's discussion.
- Make a copy of the Study Guide for each student. They, as well as this Facilitator's Guide, are available as a download at [pentecostallife.com](http://pentecostallife.com) in both Word document and PDF formats.

### During the Study

- **Focus.** It is easy for small group discussions to veer away from the goal of the study. Gently encourage group members back to the question at hand if this happens.
- **Include.** Ask specific questions of those who are more hesitant to participate to encourage them to join the discussion.
- **Pray.** As appropriate, pray for the members of the group who are struggling.



## SESSION ONE

### The Blessing of Being Sent

#### Objective

To explain the importance of missionaries being sent, not only by the Lord of the harvest but by the church as well

#### Opening

1. What is the value of a nation sending an army into battle?
2. What is the value of an army sending a soldier into battle?
3. Do you think a sending church adds strength to a missionary's work?
4. Do you think a sending church can lighten a missionary's load?

#### Key Scriptures

Matthew 9:38; John 3:17; 20:21; Acts 13:1–4;  
Romans 10:14–15; II Corinthians 4:15

**The process of a missionary being sent involves not only a sending Lord, but also a sending church.**

## SESSION ONE (CONT.)

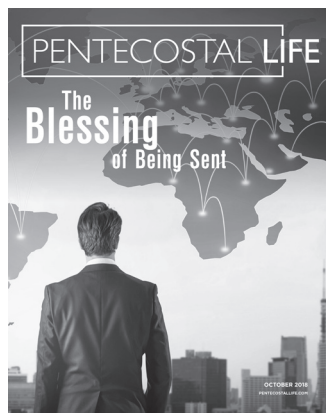
### The Blessing of Being Sent

#### Discuss the following questions:

1. Do you believe it is important for a missionary to have a sense of calling from the Lord? Why or why not?
2. Do you think it is important for a missionary to be sent by the Lord and by the church?
3. Read Acts 13:1–4 and identify how both elements were present in the sending of Barnabas and Saul.
4. List some ways in which a missionary receives support from the sending church.
5. List some ways in which a missionary is accountable to the sending church.
6. What are some dangers that could arise from a missionary developing a Lone Ranger mentality?
7. What are some of the desired results of missionary work?
8. How does God receive glory by people entering the Kingdom?

#### Assignment

Read “Answered the Call: What Next?” before the next session.



## SESSION TWO

### Answered the Call: What Next?

#### Objective

To provide insight into the steps and processes one can take after feeling a call to church planting in North America

#### Opening

1. Describe, using your present understanding, how an individual feels a call to missions work.
2. What would be more difficult, preparing for missions work in North America or in a foreign country?
3. Explain the difference between a call to missions and the time of preparation for missions work.

#### Key Scriptures

Genesis 12:1–4; I Samuel 3:8; Ezra 7:10;  
Proverbs 19:20; 28:19–20; Jeremiah 3:15;  
Matthew 28:19–20; Luke 14:28–30;  
Romans 10:13–14; I Corinthians 12:14;  
Galatians 6:2; II Timothy 2:15

**“Fasting will lessen the volume of your own will and increase your ability to hear God’s voice clearly.”**

## SESSION TWO (CONT.)

### Answered the Call: What Next?

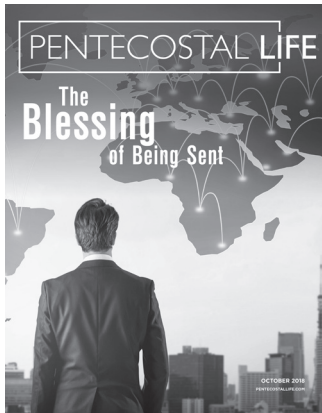
#### Discuss the following questions:

1. From whom do you seek guidance after feeling a call to church planting?
2. List the three main reasons church plants fail.
3. Explain the apostolic progression of a church.
4. Give examples of ministries where valuable experience in church planting is gained.
5. Describe the process for someone to become a metro missionary.
6. Analyze the dangers of isolation.
7. Restate important factors when preparing a church/personal budget.
8. Define a metro missions city using MSA data.
9. Research potential North American opportunities in your area.

#### Assignment

Read "When God Calls"  
before the next session.





## SESSION THREE

### When God Calls

#### Objective

To understand the power of the call of God

#### Opening

1. Discuss G. A. Mangun's quote: "Talk about your call. Anyone can have a burden for a place, but do you have a call from God?"
2. Discuss T. F. Tenney's quote: "When you get to the field, the devil will strip you of everything you have except your call of God. He cannot take away your call."

#### Key Scriptures

Acts 13:2–4

**"Talk about your call. Anyone can have a burden for a place, but do you have a call from God?" (G. A. Mangun)."**

## SESSION THREE (CONT.)

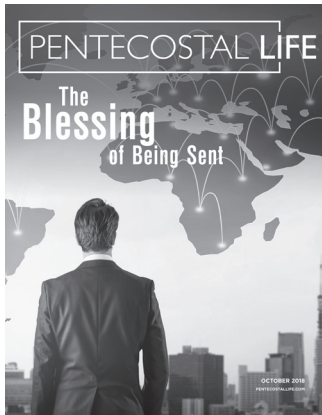
### When God Calls

**Discuss the following questions:**

1. Do you feel God calling you?
2. Do you know where He is directing you to go and work?
3. Do you know what He wants you to do?
4. Is this call waking you up in the night?
5. Is it burdening your heart with its heavy weight?
6. Do you see where God has called you in little things you encounter every day?
7. Do you hear people say things that God has already spoken to you about, confirming His call?
8. Is God separating you from where you are to send you to where He needs you to go?
9. If so, it is time for you to move and answer the call. Deny the call of God and you will always wish you had listened to His voice, bidding you to do a work for His kingdom. Answer the call, and you will never regret it!

### Assignment

Read "The Butterfly Effect: Why You Should Say Yes" before the next session.



# SESSION FOUR

## The Butterfly Effect: Why You Should Say Yes

## Objective

To provide insight into the importance and power of saying “Yes” to the call of God in your life

## Opening

1. Tell what you know of the butterfly effect.
2. Give some examples of the butterfly effect.
3. Name some individuals whose lives showed the presence of the butterfly effect in your life.

## Key Scriptures

## Jeremiah 1:7–10

**“The butterfly effect is a theory that the choices one makes will affect the lives of others.”**

## SESSION FOUR (CONT.)

## The Butterfly Effect: Why You Should Say Yes

**Discuss the following questions:**

1. What are some butterfly effect examples in your life?
2. What are some of your dreams and goals?
3. What are your fears?
4. What talents do you possess?
5. Do you seek God's total will for your life?
6. Do have a daily prayer life?
7. Do you speak a foreign language?
8. Would you be willing to go to a foreign field?
9. Are you active in your church?
10. Are you a soulwinner?

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