

The 2014 Journal Reader Survey

In March of this year, small group ministry leaders and participants responded to questions about SGM Journal content. Their feedback provided a wealth of information for planning timely articles of broad interest to all Journal readers. Below are the questions and a selection of responses.

What do you like best about the SGM Journal?

- A single, quality source of information about small group ministry.
- The variety of contributors and topics.
- Shared experiences and new ideas to consider.
- Helpful, inspirational stories and examples shared by congregations across the nation.
- Seeing the variety of models and practices of various SGM programs.
- Finding solutions to common problems.
- Articles about managing and enhancing a SGM program.
- Information about other congregation's SGM programs and innovations.
- Network events and enhancements to the website.
- Articles from ministers and others about the benefits and successes of SGM.
- The ease of forwarding the Journal on to the facilitators and steering committee.
- Sharing some of our experiences with others involved in SGM.
- Having questions posed and answers given.
- Reading articles about the "essence" and "big picture" aspects of SGM.

What do you find most useful about the SGM Journal?

- Practical information and ideas that can be applied in my congregation.
- Topic ideas.
- Information and shared experiences from other congregations.
- Articles by people who direct SGM programs, with details of how they manage particular situations and common problems.
- Essays and articles that frame issues in a way that increases my own understanding or awareness, and gives me the language for explanations to my own congregation.

What would you like to see more about in the SGM Journal?

- Opening and closing words and meditations.
- How other congregations manage their groups.
- How to keep the enthusiasm going.
- Addressing common problems in SGM, eg., difficult situations and failure to uphold the covenant.
- Features of a healthy small group and small group ministry program.
- Rejuvenating a SGM program.

Additional suggestions are always welcome at journaleditor@smallgroupministry.net.

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