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Right before God launched me into small group ministry in 1992, we had a colossal small group failure in the church. I was on the pastoral team of a large church, and we gave our “approval” to start five groups. We “approved” their existence but that’s about all we did. We never coached them. We just hoped they would somehow make it on their own. Months later, four of the five had experienced a slow, painful death, and the fifth group became a bastion of gossip and rebellion. We tried to close it but found it extremely difficult to do so.

I’ve learned that it’s easy to start groups. Keeping them healthy, growing, and fruitful requires ongoing coaching and development. The purpose of this book is to train coaches to help cell leaders stay healthy and fruitful. Coaching is the key to guiding leaders to succeed over the long haul. Yet those who are willing to coach other leaders often lack information on how to coach. This book provides step by step instructions on how to coach a small group leader from the initial stages of leading the group all the way to giving birth to a new one. Those who have never coached before will receive clear information on how to take the small group leader to the next level. And someone who is already coaching a small group leader will also find the eight lessons in this book invaluable to empower others to lead fruitful groups. This book is a great resource to use individually, in a small group, or in a classroom teaching setting.

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