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churches have some form of small groups ministry in place But there s just one problem says Bill Search what started as a simple get together has become a complicated process especially for small group leaders They are often not sure what is expected of them or what to expect from their groups as a result of their efforts In Simple Small Groups Search lays out the three C s of small groups connecting changing and cultivating This paradigm helps to simplify leading small groups in a way that is helpful rewarding and life changing Unlike many other books geared toward small group leaders Simple Small Groups does not require a church wide adoption of an intricately designed system of assimilation making it useful to any small group leader looking for guidance

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