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 Human communication is an important aspect through which people share ideas and thought with each other. People communicate through various means with each other. Sometimes the communications is verbal, sometimes it is non-verbal. Non-verbal discussion happens through gesture, posture and symbols and whereas verbal communication makes use of words, voices and languages to pass on the messages. One of the most effective techniques of communication is discussion. Discussion refers to the detailed treatment of a topic via speech or writing, especially if you want to pass on the message to a large number of people, discussion serves as a perfect medium[[1]](#footnote-1).

 Discussions can be carried on in large groups or small groups depending upon the number of people in the group. Usually, discussions carried on in small groups are more effective as compared to the group discussions of large groups. One of very useful pieces of writing I found about the benefits of the discussions in small groups is “Three Reasons You Need a Small Group, Too”[[2]](#footnote-2) . The article throws light on the importance of the small groups and their discussions. The Author has anchored his focus on the grooming of the communication skills while discussing in a small group as compared to raising discussions in a large group.

 Carolyn Taketa emphasizes on the fact that communication across smaller groups highly effective due to the small number of people participating in it. In a large group, the discussion becomes ambiguous and the message becomes distorted while it travels from one individual from another. Although some people are afraid of smaller group discussions as they are scared that people might judge them, but they need to keep in mind that they can be judged in a bigger group as well, and the chances of being judged in a bigger crowd increases significantly. So the importance of communication across a small group can never be denied.

**End Notes**

1. Adler, B. Ronald, and George Rooman. *Understanding Human Communication.* Oxford University Press, 1985.
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