



Be a Small Group H.O.S.T.

Small Groups are an integral part of what we do as a church. You've heard us say, "you can't do life alone!" It's true! We have discovered that sustained life change occurs as we are growing in a relationship with Christ. This happened best when we regularly connect with others who are seeking this same goal.

Small Groups provide people with the opportunity to connect with others and grow in their relationship with Christ.

Role of a Small Group H.O.S.T.

Small Group H.O.S.T. simply create an environment for this kind of growth to take place. Each letter in H.O.S.T. represents what we ask those hosting a Liberty Small Group to do:

H – Have a heart for people

O – Open your place (home, coffeehouse, workplace, restaurant, etc.)

S – Serve a snack

T – Turn on the DVD

If you can do these 4 things – then you are ready to be a Small Group H.O.S.T.!

Frequently Asked Questions:

- *How long will I be expected to host the group?* All we ask is that you agree to H.O.S.T. one group for 6 weeks (depending on the length of the study). After that time, you are done, No strings attached!
- *What if no one comes to my group?* Honestly, that's a possibility if you don't invite people to come! The best way to make sure it doesn't happen to you is to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, family and others to join your group. In fact, if you have 2 friends who will join you in the study – then you can start a Liberty Small Group!
- *What will my group study?* Almost all studies are DVD driven. We will provide you the DVD and leader's guide at no cost. Group members may purchase student guides.



Start Your Own Small Group

We encourage attendees at Liberty to consider forming their own Small Group around friendships that already exist, or by inviting neighbors, co-workers, or people you meet at Liberty.

Practical Steps to Starting Your Own Group

1. A Small Group H.O.S.T. is basically a facilitator. You do not need a Seminary Degree to be a Small Group H.O.S.T. Questions are provided in the leader's workbook and participants are encouraged to have group discussions. *"You are not expected to have all the answers"*.
2. Pray for God to bring people together to be in your group. Ask Him to bring people in your path to disciple.
3. Identify people that you are currently walking through life with; your friends, co-workers, classmates, neighbors, etc...
4. Choose a start date. Most groups are on the semester system and meet once per week for the length of the study chosen. Some groups prefer to meet year round.
5. Choose a meeting time and day of the week. Consider morning, afternoon, or evening; Monday – Sunday.
6. Choose the location that works best for you. Your home is the most common place to have the small group study, but some H.O.S.T. prefer to have their study in a coffee shop, place of business, community center, or at the Church.
7. Choose type of group you feel led to lead (single, married, men, women, certain age group, etc...)
8. Choose the topic you would like to study. Suggested topics of study will be available for you to choose from. The Church will provide all of the resources you will need for these studies (DVD's, leaders guide, etc.).
9. Invite people to become a part of your Small Group.
 - Make a list
 - Pray for each person on the list
 - Call and ask "Will you come"?
10. *Coming Soon* - Downloads available on our Church web-site located under the Small Group Icon to help you facilitate your first group meeting.