

SMALL GROUP

by Brad Julian



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I am honored to represent Men's Ministries and to share my testimony of how the Holy Spirit has worked in my life through my Monday night Men's Small Group. My group recently completed the Bible study series called "Wild at Heart" and God did some awesome things in my life through this study and through the men in my small group.

During this 12 week study, I had the privilege of being a small group table leader of men who wanted more than just another Bible study. They wanted to be a close "Band of Brothers" that could grow together in their walk with Christ. AND BOY DID WE EVER...AND THEN SOME!

Every week men gathered in small groups to discuss their weekly reading assignments. We were charged with identifying with the One whose image we bear and we were confronted with the question that every man is haunted with –Can I come through when I am called upon?

These sessions were preludes to identifying the wound that every man has and the spiritual battle we must go through to heal the wound and take back our hearts. It was at this juncture I saw the words of Romans 12: 2 come alive, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (NIV). You could actually see a difference in the men in my small group –including myself–during this sensitive, but very powerful part of this study.

Only in a small group environment of trust, friendship and acceptance could something like this be experienced. Although the wounds were different and unique to each man, every man could understand and be there for the other: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" *Proverbs 27: 17*.

My wife Carol would tell you I was definitely going through a transformation. I think she would agree that I am a better man and our marriage has benefited greatly from me being a part of my Men's Small Group.

I have decided to lead another table small group of men through this exciting journey in the coming months. I would encourage every man to consider becoming a part of a Men's Small Group at Crossroads. The Holy Spirit will change your life through such a group of friends...through such a "Band of Brothers"!