

SMALL GROUP

by Rebecca Camplejohn

Hi! My name is Rebecca Camplejohn and I believe in Small Groups! I have been involved in a small group for over half of my life. It all started with a group of High School friends I began meeting with for prayer, singing and Bible study. In the years that followed, I moved eight different times. With each move I found myself immediately looking for a small group. The reason I made this a priority was because my small group was where I always experienced my deepest sense of belonging, found a place to grow deeper in my walk with God, and was able to serve others as a member of God's family.



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We all need people in our life to celebrate our joys and to stand with us in sorrow. My small group here at Crossroads has always been that "family of friends" that has been with me when it really mattered. They cared for me when I was sick and struggling. They shared my joy when I gave birth to each of my children. They served my husband and me by bringing us meals, helping us move furniture and boxes, and even by cleaning up our yard after hurricane Fran while we were out-of-state on vacation! Though each of my small groups has always started out as a group of strangers, they have always ended up becoming my closest friends!

My small group has allowed me to see God's light reflected in others. It has tenderly exposed my own flaws and helped reveal areas where I need to grow. When I'm open about my struggles, it gives others the freedom to admit their shortfalls and we can encourage one another and hold one another accountable to change. Sharing what God has done for me, or shown me from His Word, encourages others and visa versa.

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Small groups give me a place to serve and be served. As God's children we are all given gifts to be used for building up the body and for reaching out to others. Small groups provide a natural environment in which to do this. Since we don't all have the same gifts, a small group allows us to work more closely together where we can each bring our unique gifts to bear in a way that honors God and helps others.

Crossroads is an exciting and growing church! You can come and go, however, and find it difficult to connect, grow and serve unless you find a small group of friends to get to know. I encourage you to find your place of belonging today in a small group at Crossroads. You (and we!) will be so glad you did!