

Small Groups at Crossroads – RESET Journey 2009

Tools and Resources

We believe small groups are the life force behind the Journey and so we strongly encourage everyone to find a group if they do not already have one. It is the responsibility of each person to find a group so we make it our responsibility to give them plenty of opportunities to do that.

Opportunities for Hosts & participants to form groups

Find-A-Team (Available to Partner Churches)

This tool is an online resource that allows Hosts to post their group or group seekers to find a group. Groups can be classified by age, location, meeting time, demographic or advertised as open to all. Find-A-Team can be found at

http://www.crossroads.net/my/connect/smallGroups/groups_small_group_search.php

Connect Event

The Connect Event is an opportunity that enables people to come and meet a person before showing up at their house. This event takes place on a Sunday night and should last no more than an hour. Hosts arrive a half hour earlier than participants and split into different areas based on where they live in the city. We use “airport signs” to attract participants and differentiate between groups based on other demographics such as age and gender. Business cards for Hosts to hand out and Group Contact Sheets to record contact information are provided.

- **Target Audience:** People who are uncomfortable with or not familiar enough with online tools to find a group through our website
- **Dates:** The Sunday night before the Journey begins, February 15, 2009

On-Site Groups

On-site groups are times that we split groups into the four meeting rooms at Crossroads: an all female, all male, married couples, and mixed singles group. Staff chosen volunteer room captains make announcements to start the night, monitor the room, and assist as needed.

- **Target Audience:** Those not comfortable meeting in a home, who don't like their initial group but want to participate in the Journey with others or people who may be out of town sporadically throughout the Journey and need something more flexible
- **Dates:** Every Wednesday night during the 6 weeks of the Journey

Opportunities to support & equip Hosts

Host Training (Available to Partner Churches)

As indicated by the name, this is an optional resource for training those willing to host a group. There are two dates that run the same program (if interested, you need only come to one). We cover an overview of the Journey, what it means to be a Host, sneak peaks at the materials, Q&A time and tips for effective small groups.

- **Target Audience:** Hosts interested in preparing themselves pre-Journey
- **Dates:** January 24th and February 21st

Post-Journey Small Group Seminar (Available to Partner Churches)

Similar to the Host Training, this seminar will encourage and equip groups who connected well during the Journey to continue meeting in their small group. The seminar will provide small group evaluation tools, growth tips, and small group curriculum.

- **Target Audience:** Hosts and any small group members interested in attending
- **Dates:** Tentatively the Saturday morning post-Journey

Host Emails (Available to Partner Churches)

At the beginning of each week, Hosts are sent an email to encourage, equip and inspire for the upcoming weekly assignments.