

*Jeremiah*  
*29:11*

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HOPE  
AND A FUTURE

*#Hope*  
*and #Future*

HOSTING A GROUP



We are so happy that you have committed to HOSTing a group here at Crossroads Church! God will use you in an amazing way. God specializes in using ordinary people in extraordinary ways!

The people of Crossroads live on mission, and we are always looking for new and innovative ways to begin and continue spiritual conversations with the people around us - the people where we live, work, and play. For many of our friends and family, coming to a service at Crossroads may be too big a step, so we want to be able to connect with people where they are. One way to do this is to HOST a short-term group. We will provide some basic training to get you ready to go, but the focus of each night you gather will be sharing a brief video teaching, then leading a discussion.

If you can gather a group of 3 or more people for 6 weeks, and are willing to host and facilitate a discussion, you can do this!

There are a few things we want to let you know in the following pages before you get started HOSTing your group.

# 1

Please view the welcome video, which can be found at [xr.church/hope/host](http://xr.church/hope/host)

# 2

You may be asking what does it mean to HOST a Crossroads Small Group?



## H - Have A HEART For People

John 13:34-35 (NIV) - "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

- You are not expected to be a Bible scholar but we do expect that you will have a heart for the group
- Who is on your heart (co-worker, neighbors, etc..) that you would like to invite
- Pray for a caring and loving heart for the people in your group



## O – OPEN A Place

Acts 2:46 (NIV) – "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts. "

In modern day this is our church services and Opening our homes.



## S – Serve A SNACK

Jesus shared meals with His followers all the time

- Our expectation is not that you serve a feast, but that you will provide a Snack and drinks
- Suggestion – Have a signup sheet to take turns bringing a Snack and drinks
- A Snack helps lighten the mood



## T – Type [xr.church/hope/host](https://xr.church/hope/host)

Remember we don't expect you to be a master teacher  
Stream or play video, and ask the questions that go along  
with each video

### 3

We want you to know that while you are HOSTing, we have teams & tools to help and support you:

- The Small Group's Pastor team (Christy Gibas, Bob Connelly, and Christine Aber)
- Our volunteer Small Group Coaching Network. The Small Group Coaching Network is a trusted resource for your group's success!
- Every HOST will have a Coach from the Small Group Coaching Network assigned to them.

### 4

You can access the **40 Day Faith Journey** materials on the Crossroads App or on [xr.church/hope](https://xr.church/hope).

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That's it!

We are honored to serve you as you serve others! Thank you for following the LORD's call to HOST and please know that you are never alone!

If you need any help at all, please feel free to contact us:

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