

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS



A small faith community is a group of 8-12 adults who come together, usually in each others' homes or a parish gathering space, weekly or every other week to hear God's word speak

"These [small] communities are a sign of vitality within the church, an instrument of formation and evangelization, and a solid starting point for a new society based on a civilization of love."

(Pope John Paul II, *Redemptoris Mission*, 1990)

in its own language and through the artistic illuminations of *The Saint John's Bible*. People gather to share something of their everyday stories with one another and to share God's story; using the Seeing The Word Reflection Guides The small faith community supports one another in being not just hearers of God's word, but also doers.

Small faith communities are not just about meeting individual needs, they are also about building up the parish community and strengthening the life and mission of the parish. The key to building a parish that makes a difference in the world around it is to develop a community where people regularly make a difference in each other's lives and faith. Small faith communities make a difference in the lives of both those who participate in them and in the parish that develops them.

