

What is a Community Group?

A Community Group is a collection of about 4-15 people who meet for 8 weeks to share life together and discover how we are all being called to walk with Jesus!

In your Community Group, you will primarily spend time exploring God's word together. Along the way, your Community Group will grow more connected as you begin to learn about each other's lives, discover unique ways to grow in your walks with Jesus, encourage one another to take the "next step" in faith, and learn how to use your unique spiritual gifts to build up 3Crosses and reach your neighbors off of the hill!

Supporting Scripture: Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:24-25; John 13:34-35; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Matthew 28:16-20; 1 Peter 4:8-11.

Community Group H.O.S.T. Standards and Requirements

Transformed by Christ: At 3Crosses, we are all about life transformation through following Jesus Christ. In order to bring others towards life transformation, we expect that a Community Group HOST has experienced life transformation for themselves.

Engaged in the Life Transformation Process: At 3Crosses, we believe life transformation through following Jesus occurs when we engage in worship, community, service, and evangelism. In order to bring people into deeper life transformation, we expect that a Community Group HOST is actively engaged with or developing a growing desire to participate in all four of these categories.

Determined to become a Member of the Family: At 3Crosses, we desire to journey towards life transformation as a church family united in Christ. In order to bring people towards becoming a part of the family at 3Crosses, we expect a Community Group HOST to have already become or express a desire to become a member of the 3Crosses family. If you are not a member of our church, we would encourage you to check out our 3Crosses 101 and discipleship courses!

Motivated towards Service and Evangelism: The Community Group ministry at 3Crosses is a great opportunity to step into service and evangelism by opening your home to the 3Crosses family and extending the love of your group to the surrounding community.

Commitments of a Community Group H.O.S.T.

A H.O.S.T is someone who has a **H**ear for people that can **O**pen their space, **S**erve a snack, and **T**alk about the Sunday Sermon.

I have a Hear for people, but I don't know who will join my group! What should I do?

One of your roles as a H.O.S.T. will be to extend an invite to the people who are already on your heart. Additionally, 3Crosses will come alongside of you to publicize your group online and at the ministry center so that our church members can find your group. It's okay if you don't know everyone who will sign-up because we know that the Lord orchestrates all things!

I don't know if I have an Open space! Where should I meet?

This "open space" could be your home, but you could also meet at a workplace, coffee house, restaurant, or any other venue. The 3Crosses campus will only be made available under special circumstances, so we highly encourage you to meet "off the hill". Our suggestion is to determine your maximum capacity and consider your group FULL once you have gone 3-5 people above that number anticipating that some group members may not show up. It can be amazing to see what the Lord can do!

I don't know if I will be able to serve Snacks! Will people still come?

In the early church, the apostles broke bread with one another as a crucial part of sharing life together. One suggestion would be to work together as a group to supply food by assigning the responsibility of snacks to some of your group members! Make sure to address any food allergies beforehand!

How can I Talk with others about the sermon if I don't know my Bible well enough?

As a H.O.S.T., your task is to walk through our Sermon Study Guide. The study guide will include icebreaker questions, sample prayers, a wide variety of Scriptures to read, review statements, and questions each week! Your task is to simply follow the study guide, listen well, love the members of your group, and discover how the Lord is speaking to the group!

What are My Next Steps?

Pray: Our encouragement is that you HOST at the Lord's leading! We encourage you to review the scriptures provided and explore their context to see if the Lord is leading you to become a HOST this season!

Register your group online: Once you have committed to becoming a HOST, you can fill out our group registration form. This will ask more questions about your group's vision and specific details so we can promote your group to the church! This will go live on our website, but can be easily modified if necessary! You can access this form at "<https://3crosses.cbcchurch.com/goto/forms/172/responses/new>"

Set up a 1-on-1 meeting with AJ: I would love to get to know you more and encourage you as you step into this process! At this meeting, you will receive a Community Group HOST packet that will provide you with multiple resources to help you on your way!