

# Small Group Open House

Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm.

## What will happen at the Open House?

We'll connect you with a group! You'll find out what a Small Group looks like and experience first hand what happens at a small group.

## Start small...Give it 3 weeks.

At the open house, you'll choose the day (mornings or evenings) you want to meet moving forward, then we'll get you connected with a group. We will start you on a short 3-part mini program so you can get a feel for your newly created group and the small group process. Before the end of the open house, your new group will decide the next step together...Give us 3 weeks. See how it goes. Allow the Holy Spirit to move you and change you.

## What happens after the 3 weeks?

Your group will choose a new series, that follows the same format, to continue to grow and share in faith. There are many program series available and they can all be viewed on the small group webpage of our website [holyfamilywhitby.ca](http://holyfamilywhitby.ca). Of course, at the end of the 3 weeks you can decide whether you wish to continue in the group or not but we sure hope you decide to stay!

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## To sign-up and for more information:

Please visit the Welcome Desk after Mass  
or visit our Small Group Webpage

[holyfamilywhitby.ca](http://holyfamilywhitby.ca)

# Take your Next STEPS Join a Small Group!

## Why?

Life is not meant to be lived alone! A Small Group will give you an extended family that will encourage, support and grow in faith with you. It's a place where you can search and ask questions about life and God.

## Feeling too busy?

Yes, life is busy and you're thinking "I just don't have time, how can I possibly commit to anything else? I'm already overloaded and overwhelmed as it is!"

Well, guess what? That is probably the best reason to be in a small group! Why? Because we all need a place to belong and work through the issues of life. Because we all need to set aside time to get away from the distractions and stresses of life. Because we all need to work at deepening our relationship with God and engage in relationships that will ultimately help us become more like Christ.

Let's face it, life is hard, but it's even harder if you try to do it alone. If you're doing life alone, we challenge you to join a small group today and see how it can change you!

## What does a Small Group look like?

Simply put, it's a small group of people – anywhere from 4 to 14, **who commit to meeting on an on-going basis either weekly or bi-weekly** for 60-90 minutes to learn, pray, share and grow together in Christ. Groups usually meet at someone's home or in some cases, here at the parish. A typical meeting starts in prayer followed a 20-30 minute video after which there is discussion using a series of pre-set questions relating to the video. Group members can share their thoughts and engage in open, honest discussion.

## What will I find in a Small Group?

- ...You'll find the perfect place to unwind, release your stress and reprioritize your life.
- ...You'll find a warm welcome from friends who will encourage you and pray for you.
- ...You'll find the perfect place to practice the call to be a disciple and to make disciples.
- ...You'll find the perfect place to understand how to share Christ with loved ones and coworkers.
- ...You'll find the perfect place to grow in your knowledge, love, and service of the Lord Jesus.
- ...You'll go deeper in applying God's Word to your life and situation.
- ...You'll find a place where you can use your gifts in encouraging and praying for others.
- ...You'll enjoy great social times.