

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Focus: Nurture, Empower, Outreach

TOUCH A HEART, TELL THE WORLD NURTURE • EMPOWER • OUTREACH



"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us" (Romans 12:6, NIV).

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What is it?

The Small Group Ministry program deepens and broadens personal spiritual growth, facilitating relationships that bring friends to Christ. Often the small group meets at each other's homes, usually once a week. Each meeting is focused on a spiritual or religious topic. The goals are to listen and be listened to in a safe place, to discuss spiritual questions, to build new and deeper personal connections, to serve our community and the needs of one another, and to maintain personal connections and a caring community.

For online resources about Small Group Ministry go to www.adventistwomensministries and download *Outreach is* for Everyone: Women's Ministries Evangelism Manual.

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How to Begin

- Select a facilitator who will link the group.
- Personally invite potential group members.
- Be specific about details of the study by telling people what you plan to do, when you plan to meet, and how many weeks the course of study will require.
- One way to start a group Bible study in your neighborhood is to invite several people to your home for refreshments.
- At that time tell them of your interest in starting a small group Bible study and invite them to join you.
- A good group size is six, but a smaller group can be effective.

"If there is a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members, but for unbelievers. If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers" (Ellen G White, *Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 22).