

# FAQs

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## How do I join a group?

Text **GROUP** to 88877 today and follow the prompts

AND/OR

Scan QR Code with phone camera and fill in our Small Group Inquiry Form

Scan QR Code with phone camera and contact leader directly



Scan QR code with your phone's camera to find a small group

## Am I qualified to host a group? Yes!

We will give you everything you need to start a group and walk alongside you as you do. If you have 2-4 friends that are willing to go on a spiritual journey with you to learn through our video curriculum and conversation guide, you are called and God will equip you!

Do you . . .

**H**ave a heart for others?

**O**pen up your home or an online space like Zoom?

**S**end an email once a week?

**T**ype [churchnativity.com/groups?](http://churchnativity.com/groups?)

If you answered yes to these, we'd love to help you start a group right now! Jesus called people in Matthew 4 by saying, "Follow me." If you're willing to follow our lead, as we follow Jesus, we'll help you on this journey!

## Lead as a Group - Introducing our Group Roles Model:

We believe that balanced, healthy groups grow in the 5 biblical purposes that our Nativity STEPS are modeled from: Fellowship, Ministry, Worship, Discipleship, Evangelization. Each group member was designed by God to play a valuable role in the life of your Group, and beyond that in the Body of Christ. Invite members to support the group weekly for the series in the following ways:

- 1 - Host Member (In home or online)
- 2 - Communication Member (Email and/or text weekly meeting time/place)
- 3 - Facilitation Training Video #2 (Rotate who facilitates the discussion)
- 4 - Prayer Member (Open/Close in prayer)

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We would love for you to start a group! You can start your group by visiting [www.churchnativity.com/lead](http://www.churchnativity.com/lead) - complete the application. You can do that today or stop at Next Steps Kiosk during one of the weekend services and we can help. Please note we do comply with the background check process for all of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and will require you to provide references and complete the video training curriculum prior to serving.

The best way is to actually start a small group. If you have two friends, we can help you with everything you need to get started. If you'd prefer to join a group, though, go to [churchnativity.com/groupfinder](http://churchnativity.com/groupfinder) to access our Group Finder tool. If you'd rather do this in person, go to Welcome Center on the weekend and we can help you get plugged in. Keep in mind that if your first group is not a good fit, we'd be happy to help you get connected into another one. We are here for you so email [smallgroups@churchnativity.com](mailto:smallgroups@churchnativity.com) anytime!

## Who will support me once I start leading?

God uses every effort and human interaction for His good and we're thrilled you're taking this step. We have a ministry leadership team designed to care for and resource all of our small group leaders this season. Our GroupLife Team consists of GroupLife Directors for each of the Life Stage segments. Peer to peer support is also a huge part of our strategy since we're better together. No question or scenario is too trivial for discussion when dealing with people and personalities. We are here to walk with you! Email [smallgroups@churchnativity.com](mailto:smallgroups@churchnativity.com) if you would like to request to meet with one of us or have a question.

## Do you have groups for children, junior high, senior high, and/or college age?

Yes, we absolutely do have groups for all ages!

**College Age adults** are invited to our Small Group University groups. Contact Leah: [lsisolak@churchnativity.com](mailto:lsisolak@churchnativity.com)

**Before College:** Connect with the Next Gen Team for more information, or let's walk to the Children's area so you can see where they meet. [www.churchnativity.com/NextGen](http://www.churchnativity.com/NextGen)

To sign up for either of those groups, visit their websites:  
[www.churchnativity.com/registration](http://www.churchnativity.com/registration)

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## I've tried signing up online, but I still haven't gotten connected. Can you help?

Yes! Thank you for not giving up during this process. We're sorry it's been difficult. Let me show you the groups we have available right now. (Pull up the [Group Finder tool](#) to find specific groups.) Fill out our Inquiry Form if no group aligns with your current schedule and needs. Write down the name of the group leader.

For help now, email [smallgroups@churchnativity.com](mailto:smallgroups@churchnativity.com).

## I live outside of the area. Can I lead a group?

Of course! We'd love to help you do that.

If you live outside of this area completely, we can direct you to our online campus to start a group in your area.

If you would like more information, we would love to connect with you. Reach out to Kelli Comberiate ([kcomberiate@churchnativity.com](mailto:kcomberiate@churchnativity.com)).

## What curriculum will our small group study next?

New groups follow the message series schedule we offer during Mass on the weekend. To find the current series or what's next, go to [churchnativity.com/series](http://churchnativity.com/series).

Try meeting once before and get to know each other before you start the study or connect on the weekend in the cafe after Mass.

## Where can I find someone to pray with me?

No need to find a priest. YOU, the Leader, are qualified! Take a step of daring faith and let God use you in the moment He's designed. Submit a prayer on our [Prayer Wall](#). If you need additional Member Care Support, contact our healing prayer team at [churchnativity.com/membercare](http://churchnativity.com/membercare)