

Begin Anew

Becoming Spiritually Mature through Meeting in Small Groups

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1. Large groups for *big-God* thoughts! Small groups for *Jesus-like* practices!
2. *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching* (Heb. 10:25).
3. Some “one anothers” for small group - *love one another, be devoted to one another, honor one another, live in harmony with one another, carry each other’s burdens, bear with one another, confess your sins to each other, and forgive one another.*
4. Some “one anothers” for worship - *accept one another, serve one another, instruct one another, wait for one another* (to take communion together), *speaking psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to one another, and greet one another with a holy kiss* (though I don’t think I’m seeing a whole lot of this!).
5. *Let us not give up meeting together...*
6. We worship an extraordinary God in an extraordinary way!
7. *What do small groups look like at Crossroads?*
8. *What might a small group look like otherwise?*
9. *Plans fail for a lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed... See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage each one another (challenge each other) daily... so that none of you be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness... Brothers, if someone is caught in sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently* (Prov. 15:22; Heb. 3:12-13; Gal. 6:1).
10. *All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need... let us do good to all people, especially those who belong to the family of believers... Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ...* (Acts 2: 44-45; Gal. 6:10, 2).