

How to host a Gospel reflection small group

- Select a location to have your group meetings. It would be best to have it in your home. You should be able to comfortably seat up to 12 people in one room.
- Select a day and time that works best for you. Your group meeting should be at the same day and time each week. If you can not host on a given week try to arrange for another member of the team to take over the host responsibilities for that week. The group could even rotate host duties and or locations each week, or month.
- Before your scheduled group meeting go on the Mary Mother of Mercy web site (<http://www.mary-mom.com/>) and click on the “Small Groups” tab at the top right.
- Click on the link with next Sunday’s date to open the outline.
- Print out the outline for all the members of your team.
- Each outline is everything that you need to run your meeting. The outline includes:
 - opening and closing prayers
 - description of the feast day or other event in the Church
 - the Gospel reading
 - three reflection questions
 - study guide notes
 - Old Testament prophecy that is fulfilled when appropriate
 - Catechism of the Catholic Church citation when appropriate
- Attendees should bring their bibles in case they need to look up references from the study guide notes (not mandatory)
- Refreshments are optional. If the meeting is mid-day you can encourage attendees to “brown-bag” their own lunches.