

Small Church Communities
Believers Without Borders
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Our group started during Advent 06. The plan was that we would meet during Advent to read and discuss the Sunday scriptures to experience being a part of small church community. There were no plans to continue as a group after Advent. When we met for our final week, we all decided that the experience was so positive we did not want it to end.

We meet every Thursday.

We chose our name, Believers without Borders for a couple of reasons. First, from a faith response, we are interested in growing in all areas of our faith. Thus, we have no specific borders of study. Initially we decided to start reviewing a series of videos based on what we believe as Catholics. We were going to do a video one week and something from scripture another week; not necessarily the Sunday readings. After reviewing our first video, *What Catholics Believe about the Bible*, we decided we wanted to take a book of the Bible and study it closely. We studied Luke using the *New Collegeville Bible Commentary on the Gospel According to Luke*. After finishing Luke, we went to Sunday readings including specific seasonal discussions, e.g., Lent.

We did a review of a fictional book, *The Shack* which is about a man's struggle with faith and his encounter with God after experiencing a personal tragedy in his life.

The second reason for our name is our membership has no physical borders. It consists of individuals living in Hilton Head and Port Royal Plantations, on island outside of a plantation, and from Bluffton. The meeting location rotates between individual homes and the Youth Group Room at St. Francis.

Visitors or others interested in starting a new group are always welcomed to join us.