

**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 the second Tuesday and fourth Monday of the month. These days were picked to accommodate members involvement in other ministries.**

**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.**

**Starting in March 08, we will be discussing 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.**