

# GroupLink “8 Week Challenge” Description

## What is the “8 Week Challenge”?

The “8 Week Challenge” is community small group launch where participants commit to meet together for 8 meetings. Participants are placed in small groups based on details they provide on a GroupLink Response Card. This card specifies the type of group they desire to be a part of and on what night of the week they can meet. The GroupLink “8 Week Challenge” consists of:

<u>Meeting Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>
<i>GroupLink</i> - Week 0      Orientation & Commitment	Crossroads	Qtrly in 2008, 6:30-8pm 1/20, 4/13, 6/15, 8/10
<i>8 Week Challenge (Note: Actual study topic may vary by group)</i>		
- Week 1      Get to Know Your Small Group – Part 1	Crossroads	Qtrly in 2008, 6:30-8pm 1/27, 4/20, n/a, 8/17
- Week 2      Get to Know Your Small Group – Part 2	Host Home	Specific to Group
- Weeks 3-7    Beginning Life Together - Lessons 1-5 *	Host Home	Specific to Group
- Weeks 8      BLT Together - Lesson 6, “What’s Next”?	Host Home	Specific to Group

## What exactly are you committing to?

When you come to GroupLink for the Orientation & Commitment you will have a chance to hear about Crossroad’s Small Group Ministry. If you decide to sign-up for the “8 Week Challenge,” you will do so by completing a GroupLink Response Card. We will use this information to place you in a small group which will then meet for 8 meetings for ~1.5 hours each session starting the following week. During this time you will complete a Bible study workbook together in a host home so you can get to know members in your small group better. At the end of the study, you will have a chance to decide if you want to continue on in your small group or to finish up your 8 week commitment.

## What is expected of you during the “8 Week Challenge”?

Here is what is expected of participants that sign-up for the “8 Week Challenge”:

1. **Commit** to the “8 Week Challenge” at the first GroupLink event by completing a GroupLink Response Card indicating the type of group they want to participate in.
2. **Join** their small group starting the next week and meet for 8 meetings through October/November (these may be weekly or every other week...depends on the group). They will contact their leader if they are unable to attend any given week.
3. **Communicate** to their small group leader their intention to either continue on in their assigned group after the “8 Week Challenge” or not.

## How will you be assigned to a small group?

When you complete a GroupLink Response Card on the first night, you will indicate where you live, the type of group you would like to join, when you can meet, how you would prefer to handle childcare (if applicable), and if you would be willing help your group by facilitating discussion or hosting your group. We will take this information and group you based on your response. When you return on the second night (i.e. the first night of the “8 Week Challenge”), you will already be placed in your small group ready to get to know one another!