

## Having Mercy for Small Groups

## HOST INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for hosting! The most important thing you can do is something you've already done – open your home and heart to this experience. The rest is easy!

- Please contact Sheila Noble (snoble@stfrncis.org) to register which ensures you will receive a complimentary copy of the guide. We have purchased the license for materials this year so will print and provide as many as needed for your group.
  Host guides will be available in envelopes in the parish office for pick up during office hours, beginning Saturday, February 16th.
- Pick a day of the week and time for your group to meet. It is recommended that the study begin the week of March 1st to comfortably complete the five weeks prior to Holy Week and Easter, but it is completely up to you and your schedule.
- Invite friends, neighbors, colleagues and/or people you would like to get to know (optimal group size is 4-10.) Participants do not need to be parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi or Catholic.
- Please let participants know the booklets for the study will be provided for them at no charge.
- Food and drink are optional and up to each host's discretion.
- Each session is designed to last approximately one hour, and it is up to the Host to decide whether or not to run longer.
- Please help us to track the program's success and communicate with participants by having one person from each household provide you with an email address and cell phone number at the first meeting. Please provide this contact list to Sheila Noble <u>snoble@stfrncis.org</u> after the first meeting. Thank you!
- The guide is simple to use. For your own ease, please familiarize yourself with the layout for a few minutes before the first session.
- If you have questions, please email Sheila Noble <u>snoble@stfrncis.org</u> or call Sheila at the office Monday Thursday 703-221-3127 ext. 238.

