



Organizing Sign-Up Sunday/Weekend

Sign-Up Sunday/Weekend has proven to be a very effective strategy for getting the greatest number of parishioners to sign up for small communities.

The liturgical environment, the music, and the hospitality are all ways to communicate that something special is happening on this Sunday. Members of the *ARISE* parish team greet parishioners and remind them that today is Sign-Up Sunday.

Invitational Sign-Up Talk

During all the Masses, an invitation is extended to parishioners to sign up for an *ARISE* small community.

Selecting both a man and a woman to speak will encourage both men and women to join a community. Choosing a young adult to speak will persuade young adults as well.

It is essential to choose credible parishioners who are good at motivating others and who can speak clearly with conviction and enthusiasm.

The presentation must:

- motivate parishioners by sharing spiritual benefits of the *ARISE* process
- describe small communities
- explain the time frame
- show the faith-sharing book
- emphasize the relaxed atmosphere
- explain the sign-up process

Elements of the Presentation

- Many of our spiritual and human needs are met in small Christian communities. Participants attest to growing in their faith, experiencing meaningful relationships, and discovering connections between faith and their daily lives. Small Christian communities provide motivation for us to find time and space to sort out the demands of our complicated, busy lives. Small communities consist of eight to twelve people who will gather in someone's home or elsewhere, once a week for an hour and a half for six weeks at a day and time of their choosing.
- The faith-sharing material contains prayer, suggestions for a scripture reading, reflections, and faith-sharing questions.
- The atmosphere is informal, no one is forced to talk, and each person is respected. A trained leader helps facilitate the prayer and sharing.
- The sign-up cards and pencils are in the pews for people to write their name, address, phone number, and email address. Invite people to fill in the necessary information and indicate which day or night is best for them to participate in a small community. People are asked to indicate if they are able to host a small community.

Samples of the sign-up card can be found in the Appendix as Handout 7b. The file to print this can be downloaded in pdf format from:

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