

## Start Up Guide

For Churches and Community Partners

1. It is important to do your own healing first before helping others, so we recommend that you go through a MTS small group as your first step. You can find a group [here](#). If you do not currently have a group meeting in your area that you can join, you may join an online group.
2. Identify a core group of people who share a passion for healing from trauma and abuse within your church/organization.
3. Share about MTS with your church/organization leadership.

You may want to share about the impact MTS had on you personally as you participated in a group. You may also want to use the MTS informational [video](#), [stories](#) of impact, or direct the leadership to our [website](#) for more information about the ministry.

4. Identify a MTS Church/Organization Coordinator to oversee the ministry at your church/organization.
5. Gather prayer support for the ministry within your church/organization.
6. Sign up for our online training [here](#) and go through the training as individuals or as a core group.
7. Identify the time and location for your group to meet and reserve the space needed.
8. Four-Six weeks prior to your start date, make an announcement to your congregation.

Use a Sunday morning announcement, church email, bulletin, and/or website announcement inviting those in need of healing to sign up.

You may want to use our informational video for your church announcement and/or stories of impact.

Follow up with each interested participant and set up a time to meet for an intake interview.

9. Conduct intake interviews.
10. Add your group to our MTS website so that others can find you using this [form](#).
11. Launch MTS groups.
12. Stay connected and grow as a facilitator through our MTS founders', spiritual formation, and skill building [webinars](#) for ongoing training and support.