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**L.I.F.E.**

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LIFEgroups



Doing LIFE together

# What are LIFEgroups?

The purpose of LIFEgroups is to help us to grow in our faith through building community, pursuing intentional growth, and serving like Jesus. We passionately believe the mission of the church is to make disciples (Matthew 28).

These groups, by God's grace, seek to help us to grow in our love for Jesus, in our following of Him, and in our journey towards becoming fully devoted disciples.

## Why 'LIFE'groups?

LIFEgroups are intentionally named to include the word 'LIFE'. This is because they are essentially about doing **life** together, which involves caring and ministering to one another, both practically and spiritually.

The word L.I.F.E. provides an acronym of the four core values of LIFEgroups.

### Learning

We learn together from God's word and also each others life experiences

### Intercession

We pray (intercede) on behalf of others

### Friendship

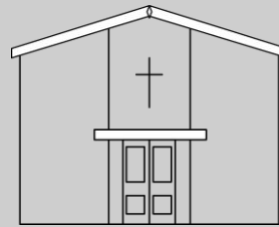
We form genuine friendships and not just superficial acquaintances

### Equipping

We are equipped to reach others with the gospel

The Bible has lot to say about **life**, which is another reason that the groups are named LIFEgroups:

- \* John 10:10, "I have come that they may have **life**, and have it to the full."
- \* 1 John 5:12, "Whoever has the Son has **life**; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have **life**."
- \* Matthew 10:39, "Whoever finds their **life** will lose it, and whoever loses their **life** for my sake will find it.."
- \* John 1:4, "In him was **life**, and that **life** was the light of all mankind."



## LIFEgroups are ...

- \* a place to experience God
- \* about taking biblical truth and applying it to contemporary life
- \* about showing concern for members, the community and the world
- \* safe places
- \* places of honesty and authenticity
- \* a place where ministry takes place



# How often do LIFEgroups meet?

LIFEgroups meet weekly and there are both daytime as well as evening groups.

Occasionally, LIFEgroups combine for joint events, such as prayer meetings and social events.



## What does a typical meeting look like?

A typical LIFEgroup will run for about 1.5 hours and are based around a structure of:

- \* Welcome: Getting to know each other
- \* Worship: Setting our focus on God
- \* Word: Engaging with the Bible
- \* Witness: Being equipped to serve

## How can I join a LIFEgroup?

If you'd like to join a LIFEgroup, or to find out more, please contact Mat, details overleaf.