

YES! I'm interested in joining a LIFE GROUP!

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Tick applicable boxes:

Young Adult Family group Mixed ages Senior

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Early AM
Morning
Afternoon
Evening

Best available times:

I am most interested in:

A Bible Study group

A group that combines some form of Biblical 'study' with a meal or other social gathering

A 'special interest' group (such as a sport or hobby)

Please specify: _____

Sharing my 'special interest' with others to develop a Life Group

Please specify: _____

Mission/Evangelism

Exploring the 'basics' of the Christian faith

Meeting with a prayer partner/group

Please complete and return to :

Ric and Annie Cutler, any of the ministry team or the Church Office

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Together...

LIFE GROUPS 2018

Discovering and cultivating a
culture of 'faithful Presence'.
Present to God, the World and
to Each Other.

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Why LIFE GROUPS?

The best way of taking a large church and making it small is to set LIFE GROUPS as the integral building block of Spiritual community.

- ◆ Life Groups journey together.
- ◆ Life Groups connect with God and each other.
- ◆ Life Groups focus on mutual support and an intention to grow deeper and mature in faith.
- ◆ Life Groups have an eye on the world and develop a practical responsiveness to others.
- ◆ Life Groups take the time to notice, amplify and apply what God is doing in our community.
- ◆ Life Groups help in discerning and affirming Spiritual gifts, celebrating God's stories in people's lives.
- ◆ Life Groups encourage mentoring and formation.
- ◆ Life Groups connect with purposeful mission.

What shape?

- ◆ Life Groups can meet weekly, fortnightly or monthly.
- ◆ Life Groups can meet in a home, the church or a Café, park or sports field.
- ◆ Life groups can be large (up to 12) or small (a meeting of 2 or 3)
- ◆ Life groups can study scripture, participate in viewing DVD resources together, invite guests or use books as a launch pad for reflection and focus.
- ◆ Life Groups can maximize the preaching and teaching from week to week by using the set texts or study notes.
- ◆ Life groups can take the form of a discussion group or an active participation in a fruitful activity.
- ◆ Life Groups can be from around a sports hub, special interests or hobbies or shared exercise pursuits.

The core purposes of the Life Group experience are to:

- ◆ Develop a rhythm of prayer for each other.
- ◆ Seek an accountable engagement with the Living Word of God.
- ◆ Create an attentiveness to a wider focus on mission, evangelism and opportunities for community connection (eg: through neighbourhood BBQs, working bees for neighbours etc).
- ◆ Provide appropriate pastoral support for Group members.
- ◆ Seek the wellbeing and building up of the witness, integrity and calling of the church.
- ◆ Create a place of nurture, belonging and grace.

Why be part of a LIFE GROUP?

Jesus' model for doing life and faith was to powerfully invest in the development of groups of disciples actively learning through participating together in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus worked quite intentionally from quite large groups down to clusters of disciples (notably the 12 but there were also many others) and in the sending out of pairs in Action/Reflection teams experiencing the Kingdom of God in tangible ways.

Read Luke 10:1-24 and Act 2:46-47

“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field’”

Acts 10:1-2

- ◆ You will grow and expand your faith.
- ◆ Be encouraged and prayerfully supported in your journey of life.
- ◆ Enlarge your sense of connection and belonging.
- ◆ Deepen your sense of Reaching Up and Reaching Out.
- ◆ Find challenges that will expand your sense of the Kingdom of God and the privilege of service.
- ◆ Refine your God-given purpose and giftings.