

Growth Groups

Answerbook




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Why Growth Groups ?

We reflect His glory

God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit exist as community. When God created humanity to reflect Himself, God declared it was not good for man to be alone. God made woman and said to 'go and multiply and be fruitful'. In our original design we were made to be a growing community.

The power of the gospel

When humanity rebelled against God we destroyed our relationship with Him and each other. Jesus died on the cross so that we might be restored to God and to one another. It is through the power of the gospel we can be restored and re-learn to live as we were designed both loving God and loving each other.

We need each other

As in creation, in the church we are designed to be inter-dependent. God has made each of us unique giving us different gifts and personalities. Scripture describes us as one body joined together. Individually we have different functions but together we have life.

Salt & Light in darkness

God calls us to be 'salt' holding onto the faithful promises of the gospel and 'light' bringing the light of the gospel into places where we dwell. As we are transformed into being more like Jesus together we can bring love, grace and forgiveness and create a place of acceptance, help and support like nothing else in this world. It is through our community life and mission to the people around us that we proclaim the gospel in word and deed.

So if we believe that it is part of God's design for us to be a growing community, sharing life together, enjoying a depth of friendship, mutual encouragement and care then one of the ways that we can express this is through Growth Groups. This is where we can live out the commands of Jesus practically. As our church grows and our Sunday meetings become bigger, Growth Groups become even more important.

What does a Growth Group look like ?

We see in the New Testament and early Church history that growing Christian communities:

Look Up:

They enjoy God together (John 17:3) through the Word (2 Tim 4:2; Acts 2:42) , prayer (Acts 2:42), spiritual gifts (1 Cor 14:1), worship (Eph 5:19) and communion (Acts 2:42)

Build Up:

They share life through friendship, hospitality (Hebrews 10:24-25) , and meals together, through joy and through tears (John 13:34-35) and specific care for those in need (Gal 2:10)

Reach Out:

They were 'sent people' on mission together to share the blessing of God with those around them. (John 17:18; 1 Thess 2:8)

Growth Groups do the same as we:

Look Up: through responding to Sunday sermons, bible-study, prayer and worship.

Build Up: through encouragement and caring for one another.

Reach Out: through friendship and welcoming new people into the community of believers.

Current Goups

In 2017 we brought together 5 Growth Groups. These usually meet mid-week in various homes across Kirkcaldy. Each group has a leadership , a regular meeting time with a core group of committed members.

Here is a brief summary of the *leadership, meeting days and times*..

Chris and Morag Ranson - 20's and 30's Group

Day: Tuesday **Time:** 7.00 pm **.Venue:** Various

Chris and Wendy Slavin

Day: Wednesdays. **Time:** 7.30 pm **.Venue:** Various

David Barclay

Mark Gordon

Day: Wednesday. **Time:** 7.30 pm. **Venue:** various

Norman and Lorna Brown

Rob and Ann Weir

Day: Wednesday. **Time:** 6.30 pm. **Venue:** Church

Adam and Fiona Broughton

Day: Thursday **Time:** 7.30 pm **Venue:** Various

We expect each member to consider how you can be a blessing to one of the groups. You can indicate your interest in a Growth Group by contacting one of the leaders or by contacting one of the Elders