

Kingdom Family

Doing Life Together at The Vine

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Bringing Kingdom hope to our world.**

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One of the greatest strengths of the early church wasn't simply what happened when everyone gathered together—it was what happened when they met in homes, shared meals, prayed together, cared for one another and lived life side by side.

Two thousand years later, we believe God still grows His people in much the same way.



At The Vine, we love gathering together on Sundays to worship, learn from God's Word and celebrate all that He is doing. But church isn't only something we attend for a couple of hours each week. It's a family that learns to follow Jesus together every day.

That's why Small Groups are such an important part of life at The Vine.

They're not another meeting to squeeze into an already busy week.

They're an opportunity to build friendships, encourage one another, grow as disciples and discover what it means to live as God's Kingdom family.

Whether you've been following Jesus for decades or you're only just beginning your journey, we'd love you to be part of one.

Why Join a Small Group?

We all need people who know us.

People who notice when life is difficult.

People who celebrate when life is good.

People who will pray with us, laugh with us, encourage us and sometimes simply sit alongside us.

That's exactly what Small Groups are about.

They're not perfect, because none of us are.

But they're places where we learn to follow a perfect Saviour together.

What Happens in a Small Group?

Every group is different—and that's one of the things that makes them special.

Some evenings we might spend more time discussing God's Word.

Other times we'll share a meal, pray together, encourage one another, worship, laugh, celebrate answered prayer or simply enjoy being together.

Sometimes we'll serve our communities together.

Sometimes we'll welcome new people.

Sometimes we'll just drink coffee and talk about life.

There isn't a fixed formula.

The aim isn't to complete an agenda.

The aim is to help one another become more like Jesus.



Six Ways We Grow Together

Belong

God never intended us to follow Jesus alone.

Small Groups are places where friendships grow, people are welcomed and everyone has somewhere to belong.

Grow as Disciples

Following Jesus is about more than learning new things.

Together we encourage one another to put His teaching into practice and become more like Him.

Pray

Prayer is woven naturally into the life of every group.

Together we seek God, celebrate answered prayer and support one another through every season of life.

Care

When life becomes difficult, we don't have to face it alone.

Small Groups are places where people are loved, encouraged and supported in practical ways.



Serve

As we grow together, we also look beyond ourselves.

Together we seek opportunities to bless our church, our neighbours and our communities with God's love.

Reach

There's always room for one more.

We want every group to be a welcoming place where friends, neighbours and family members can experience authentic Christian community and discover Jesus for themselves.

Every Group is Different

We provide **direction, not prescription.**

Every Small Group reflects the same heart and vision of The Vine, but no two groups will look exactly the same.

Some groups may enjoy sharing meals together.

Others may spend more time studying the Bible.

Some may enjoy prayer walks, serving the community or gathering socially.

The variety is part of the beauty.



What matters is that every group helps people belong, grow as disciples and become more like Jesus together.

We'd Love You to Join Us

As we restart our Small Groups, we'll be inviting everyone to become part of one.

We'll suggest a group based on where you live and what we know about your availability, but those suggestions aren't fixed.

If another group suits you better, that's absolutely fine.

Our priority isn't putting people into the "right" group.

Our priority is helping everyone find somewhere they belong.

If you have any questions, or would like to know more, please speak to Darren, Jenny or one of the Small Group leaders.

We'd love to help you find a place where you can build friendships, grow in your faith and discover the joy of doing life together.

What If I Can't Get to a Group?

Life isn't always straightforward.

Shift work, caring responsibilities, health, family commitments or other circumstances may mean that attending regularly just isn't possible for a season.

Please don't feel that this means you can't be part of a Small Group.



At The Vine, we don't see Small Groups simply as meetings to attend; we see them as communities where people belong.

Even if you're unable to come regularly, we would still love you to be connected to a group.

That means you'll still have people who know you, pray for you, keep in touch, invite you when you can come and help you remain connected to the life of the church.

Of course, we would always encourage you to join in whenever you're able, but your place in God's family isn't measured by attendance at a meeting.

You belong because you belong to Christ, and as a church family we want everyone to know they are loved, valued and connected.

If you're unsure what this could look like for you, we'd love to have a conversation and find the best way to help you stay connected.



"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

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Whether you're able to attend every week, occasionally, or simply want to stay connected, we'd love to help you become part of a Small Group. Our desire is that every person at The Vine knows they belong, are loved and have people walking alongside them as they become more like Jesus.



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