

House Groups



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What is so special about house groups?

House groups are a vital component of the ministry of Melton Mowbray Baptist Church.

Our aim as a church is for people to commit to and become more like Jesus and we believe that house groups enable that aim to be achieved in ways which would be impossible by simply attending on a Sunday alone, so these groups are important for several reasons.

Fellowship:

It is difficult in a church our size to know everyone involved. House groups provide a place where you can get to know a smaller number of other Christians in some depth. They enable the development of the quality of relationships that our souls long for.

Bible Study:

A house group is a great place to ask the questions that you cannot ask during our Sunday gatherings. It is the ideal place to explore issues in depth, to understand what God says in his Word, and to talk through ways in which to apply it to daily living.

Prayer:

Prayer is an essential part of the Christian life, and Jesus taught us that there is something powerful about praying with other believers (Matthew 18:20). House groups are a great place to learn to pray with others, supporting them in times of joy and times of sadness.

Pastoral Care:

Most of the pastoral care in Melton Mowbray Baptist Church happens as a result of believers reaching out in support to those they have grown to love and care for. That love is often formed in our groups where individuals learn to give and receive help.

Discipleship:

Learning to give and receive challenge and encouragement is a vital part of learning to grow as a Christian (Proverbs 27:17). House groups provide a safe environment where we can learn to 'spur one another on toward love and good deeds' (Hebrews 10:24).

The 'who', 'where' and 'when' of house groups

Our church encourages its members and regular attendees to meet regularly together in small house groups during the week. It is a time that is set aside for prayer, worship, Bible study, and building friendships. Some groups choose to follow material related to Sunday mornings, whilst other groups opt to do their own studies.

We have eight house groups that meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and also a day time group that meets on Thursday afternoons.

If you would like to join a group, or try one out, please contact us and we will put you in touch with our house group coordinator who would be more than willing to help.

How do I join a house group?

You can talk to someone within your circle of friends within the church to find out what groups they attend and go with them (make sure that the group leader is happy that there is sufficient space); or

If you know one of the small group leaders you can contact them directly; or

You can talk to one of the small group coordinators; or

You can talk to one of the church leaders; or

Fill in a welcome card and indicate that you are interested in house groups, and someone will get back to you as soon as they can.

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