



Why do Fellowship Groups meet?

Colossians 2:6-7 says: “...just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

With this in mind, the goal of Fellowship Groups is to learn to live with Christ as Lord over every area of our lives.

What do Fellowship Groups do?

So that we can encourage one another to live with Christ as Lord, Bible study and prayer are at the heart of the group meetings, along with plenty of time to get to know one another better (usually over coffee and cake!) and share our lives together.

When do Fellowship Groups meet?

Most groups meet weekly on Wednesday evening.

There are also groups meeting on:

- Tuesday morning (women)
- Tuesday afternoon
- Wednesday early morning

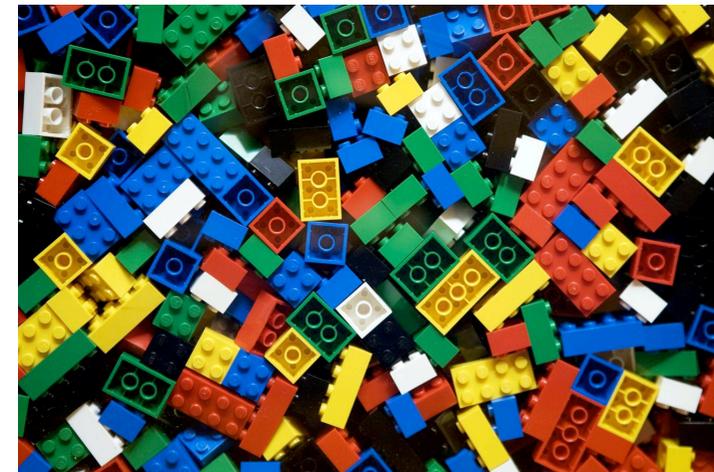
Once a month on a Wednesday evening we meet together as a church family to pray.

If you are interested in joining a Fellowship Group, please contact Chris Hobbs, 0121 472 0050

Fellowship Groups

May - July 2019

God's Building Project (Nehemiah)



God's Building Project Nehemiah

The book of Nehemiah is where churches instinctively turn when they face a building project. And for obvious reasons: it is the story of how Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem. It has lessons about prayer and planning, leadership and vision; it is a how-to guide for getting people to do their jobs. But is that what this book is really all about?

It is the last historical Bible book before the time of Jesus, and brings the record of Israel's rise and fall to a close. It shows how Nehemiah left his position as a high official in the court of the Persian king to return to Israel and rebuild the city walls. It is the account of how Israel recommitted itself to the law of God – only to fail yet again.

In these studies we will see the history of Israel through Nehemiah's eyes and experience the many successes – and the larger failure – of one leader in restoring God's people to holy living. It is the story of how it is one thing to rebuild a city and quite another to rebuild the nation's heart. It is the story of God's great building project to rebuild humanity by remaking the human heart and so to build the new Jerusalem, the one that is above, whose architect and builder is God himself.

May	1	Stand firm <i>1 Corinthians 16</i>
	8	Prayer Gathering
	15	The hand of God <i>Nehemiah 1-2</i>
	22	God the builder <i>Nehemiah 3-4</i>
	29	<i>Half-Term break</i>
Jun	5	Prayer Gathering
	12	Job done? <i>Nehemiah 5-7</i>
	19	A Bible study to remember <i>Nehemiah 8-9</i>
	26	Starting over <i>Nehemiah 10:1-12:26</i>
Jul	3	Is that it? <i>Nehemiah 12:27-13:31</i>
	10	Prayer Gathering
	17	<i>Social Events</i>

These dates are Wednesdays. For details of other groups, see overleaf. Prayer Gatherings are in St Stephen's, 8.00-9.30pm (or on the Tuesday before; 10.00-11.30am with crèche).