



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, but there are also groups meeting on Tuesday morning and early on Wednesday morning. There are groups for women on Tuesday morning and Tuesday afternoon (fortnightly). Contact Chris Hobbs for more information. 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' Programme

May - July 2017



**Sex and marriage:
what the Bible says**

A Family Tale (Ruth)

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After one study on our church's vision statement – how it is what the Bible teaches and what it looks like in practice – we have two short series of studies:

Sex and marriage: what the Bible says

'As long as it doesn't hurt anybody, it's all right' seems to be the motto of our society, where sex is frequently viewed as a pastime. At the same time many people seem to be relationally poor, increasingly lonely and lacking genuine intimacy. We'll start with Jesus, and then go back to the Old Testament, before returning to the rest of the New Testament, in order to discover what God says about sex and marriage, and to see why what he says is good for us and our society.

A Family Tale (Ruth)

The story of Ruth is surely one of the loveliest tales in the Bible. It begins in bitterness, with Naomi losing her husband and both her sons, leaving her nothing. But it ends beautifully, with God working to 'redeem' Naomi's daughter-in-law Ruth, and even Naomi herself, ultimately providing a Redeemer for all of Israel, and even beyond. It is a story of how God watches over his people, even in the darkest times, to provide the Saviour they need and even beyond their expectations.

April	26	Annual Meeting , 7.30pm for 8.00pm at St Stephen's
May	3	Prayer Gathering
	10	Vision
	17	Sex and marriage: what Jesus says
	24	Sex and marriage: what the Old Testament says
	31	<i>Half term</i>
June	7	Prayer Gathering
	14	Call me Bitter <i>Ruth 1</i>
	21	Sex and marriage: what the New Testament says
	28	Finding favour <i>Ruth 2</i>
July	5	Prayer Gathering
	12	There is a Redeemer <i>Ruth 3 and 4</i>
	19	<i>Free for Social Event</i>

These dates are Wednesdays.

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