

Session 1

What is the goal of life?



If we are going to be a part of a community of Christians together, we need to get to know each other.

We'll get the ball rolling on this with a quick game of Human Bingo

Human Bingo	Has been to a concert in 2015	Likes to go camping	Has performed on stage	Has been body boarding	Has broken a leg or arm
	Likes to dance-even in public	Was born the same month as you	Speaks 3 or more languages	Has changed a nappy recently	Exercises 3 or more times a week
	Swims in their spare time	Has met somebody famous	Was born outside Ireland	Has been on a plane this year	Loves to eat Sushi
	Has a pet	Has lived in another country	Has their own blog or website	Has run their own business	Plays a musical instrument
	Been to a major sport event	Has seen all the Hobbit movies	Can touch their nose with their tongue	Sings in the shower	Has read more than 4 books this year

Our Home group Agreement

Our purpose is: to help in growing healthy spiritual lives by building a healthy small group community. We will seek to be a blessing to each other, the wider church community and others beyond West.

We will try to make our meeting together one of our priorities.

Our group will seek to make itself a safe place: we will try to make each other feel loved and valued and be trustworthy when we share about ourselves.

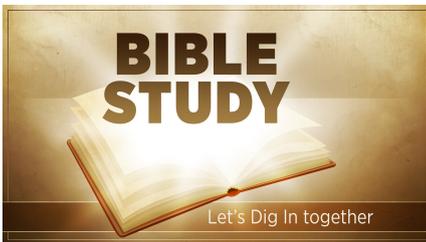
We want to keep growing in love and understanding of The Lord and give permission to others in the group to help us in our journey.

We want to be an open group that looks for opportunities to share the new life we have in Jesus with others.

We are all disciples, gifted uniquely by God, our group will encourage each other in our ministries.

We're all in this together and will seek to help each other in the practical running of the group.

Date	Session	Food	Study	Prayer
11 th Feb	Beginning 1	Dave & Jane	Dave	Jane
25 th Feb	Beginning 2		Dave	
11 th March	Beginning 3		Dave	
25 th March- Easter	Social			
8 th April	Beginning 4			
22 nd April	Beginning 5			
6 th May	Beginning 6			



Matthew 22 The greatest commandment

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. **35** One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: **36** 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?' **37** Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." [c] **38** This is the first and greatest commandment. **39** And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself." [d] **40** All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'

Questions

1. If you gave a knee jerk answer to verse 36 what would you say? Jesus says that loving God and loving our Neighbours should be our two top goals. Why these and not others?
2. Love is an abstract idea. On a practical level, how does a person go about loving God?
3. Share some examples of how people you know have loved a neighbour well. What does love look like in action?
4. Is it possible to love God without loving our Neighbours? Explain your reasoning.
5. What do you think happens when someone tries to love others without loving God?

Not long after this incident with the Pharisees, Jesus knew he was about to be arrested and killed. He gave his followers another command to add to the first two:

34 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.' **John 13**

6. How is this command like the two earlier ones?

How is it different?

7. What is your reaction to the idea that the Christian life boils down to relationships- Love for God and Love for others?
8. In what situation this week will it be challenging for you to love God or others?

Loving God and others can't really be separated. Life together with God means life together with others and vice versa.

Learning to Love- that's the point of life on Earth.

I'm all yours ♡

SHARING YOUR LIFE MISSION EVERY DAY:

God is so full of love that he created humans so that he could love and be loved by us. He sent Jesus to draw us into his family of Love. Love isn't meant to be hoarded; it's meant to be given away! How are you going to do this?



Now ask and listen.

Now get together in circles of 3 or 4 so that everyone has time to share and pray.



This is your question:

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU THIS WEEK?