



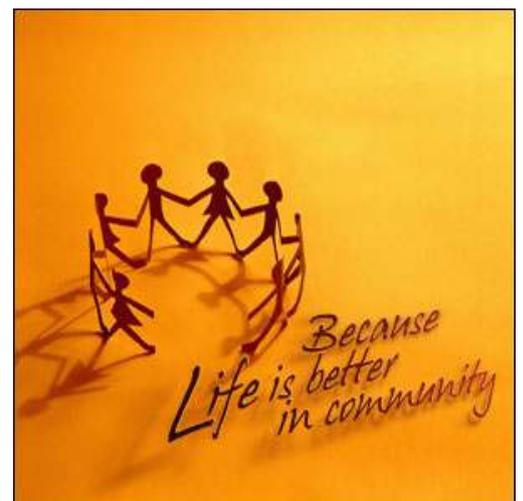
## ARE YOU PART OF A SMALL GROUP AT HBC? If not, then why not consider joining one.



If you would like to find out more about our small groups and when they meet, please speak to Lesley Edwards, Discipleship Deacon.



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### **Pray for our small groups**

Give thanks for those who lead the groups and pray that God would strengthen, bless and inspire them. Pray that groups would be a place of fellowship, where relationships are built, and lives are shared on deeper levels. Pray that God's word would be central, that God would speak to people as they read it, that life application and transformation would be the outcome. Pray for those who have not yet joined a group, that they may be encouraged to give it a try. Pray that, as the church grows, God will raise up more people within the fellowship who would consider running a small group in the future should the need arise.

### **If you are not part of a small group**

Pray that God will strengthen and bless your relationships and friendships within the church and use them to build up the fellowship. Ask God if perhaps now is the time to consider joining a group. Pray that he will lead you to the right group, where you can both be blessed and be a blessing. Ask God if there is a way that you can serve others by being part of a group.

### **If you are already part of a small group**

Pray for your group regularly, remembering each person individually by name. Pray especially for those who lead your group, that God would bless and equip them - give thanks for the time they give to plan and lead the group. Ask God if there are ways that you can bless your group, perhaps by taking on a small role within the group. Pray that God would provide the help that group leaders sometimes need (someone to share the load, help to choose studies, host the group from time-to-time, keep communications going within the group). Ask God if you might be the answer to that prayer in some small way?

#### **A PRAYER FOR SMALL GROUP LEADERS & THOSE WHO ATTEND THEIR GROUPS**

**Paul, speaking to the Thessalonians, referring to when the Lord Jesus returns and is revealed from heaven...**

*Because we know that this extraordinary day is just ahead, we pray for you all the time - pray that our God will make you fit for what he's called you to be, pray that he'll fill your good ideas and acts of faith with his own energy so that it all amounts to something.*

*If your life honours the name of Jesus, he will honour you.*

*Grace is behind and through all of this, our God giving himself freely, the Master, Jesus Christ, giving himself freely.*

**2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 - THE MESSAGE**