

Small Group Notes

Date - 15th Jan 2023 (Feltham) / 22nd Jan 2023 (Staines)

Sermon series - Flourish

Talk title - Fellowship for Life

Speaker - Andy Chapman

Welcome

How are you doing?

How have you seen Jesus at work in your life this week?

Worship

Start by spending some time in worship together. If you have someone who can play a guitar or another instrument, ask if they will lead your group in some live worship or choose a couple songs to help lead people into God's presence. Otherwise we have compiled a couple of playlists with a range of songs for you to use during worship and ministry.

[Sunday Morning Spotify playlist](#)

[Sunday Morning Youtube playlist](#)

Bible

Bible Text - 1 Cor 12:12-31

Read bible text together

One sentence talk summary - *One of the ways that the Lord's life comes to us is as we commit to deepen our connection in our church family through fellowship with others*

Main talk points

- healthy fellowship is a fellowship of different (unity in diversity)
- healthy fellowship is inter-dependent ("you need me and I need you")
- healthy fellowship helps us navigate life's ups and downs ("life is too hard to do on our own")
- healthy fellowship gives us a cause to live for together (continuing the ministry of Jesus through the empowering of the Holy Spirit)

Questions for application

1) Share some ways that you're experiencing the life of Jesus coming into your life through:

- those different to you
- choosing to live inter-dependently (rather than independently)
- choosing to stay connected through life's ups and downs
- continuing the ministry of Jesus with others

2) Andy shared the vital importance of being part of a small group, and being part of a team.

- which Sunday team are you serving on?
- if not yet on a team, which would you like to try?
- how could you be a part of helping others to get connected to a team?

3) Andy shared 3 "top tips":

- commit to being part of a Sunday service every week
- arrive 15 minutes early and stay 15 minutes at the end (15 minutes is a game changer)

- commit to going deeper in connection with others
Which of these do you need to press into?

At the beginning of his talk, Andy shared about HOSTing a group for our upcoming series - How to hear God.
Are there people in your group who could HOST a new group for 5 weeks

HOST stands for:

H - Have a heart for people

O - Open up a space - your home, online, a room at the church centre

S - Serve a snack

T - Turn on a TV

We will provide all the materials including videos and notes.

People may have led a group - either here or at another church

Maybe your group has been growing & it's hard for new people to join?

Maybe there are people in your group who have never led a group and would love to give it a go?

You can point people towards www.riversidevineyard.com/heargod to find out more.

Prayer ministry

Spend time praying for each other. The goal here is not to simply intercede for one another, we believe that the Holy Spirit is present and ready to bring change and healing today!

The follow the model below is based on how Jesus prayed for people. It's not a formula but a model we've found extremely helpful. As we demonstrate it, others will "catch it".

There are 3 simple steps: **ASK – PRAY - ASK**

- i) **ASK** – ask the person what they're asking Jesus to do for them
And ASK the Holy Spirit what He is wanting to do
- ii) **PRAY** – like Jesus did, pray your best prayers
- iii) **ASK** – what's happening? If the pain was a 10 out of 10 when they walked in tonight, ask them what they would score the pain now? What are the next steps? Thank God and ask for more. You may find it helpful to go through these steps 2-3 times.

Pray for others with your eyes open - we want to see what God is doing and respond accordingly.

To ponder or pray about this week...

What one thing will you do differently this week as a result of what you've been talking about today?