

## Grow: Equipping God's People to Serve

### Small Group Leadership

When Jesus is asked by two of John's disciples where he is staying, he tells them to 'come and see'. John's account then tells us that they spent the rest of the day with him. We can assume that they talked to Jesus, got to know him, asked questions and ate together. Fellowship wasn't some tame offering, or some grand statement, it was where the important, life-changing stuff happened.

This learning aims is to support those who lead small groups – to share ideas, encourage one another, or be encouraged to start a new role or group.

This learning is spread across two sessions

### The aims of this course are...

- To see ourselves as disciples of Jesus, and enablers and supporters of others on their discipleship journey.
- To help us understand, be challenged and inspired by concepts around small groups, discussion, fellowship and discipleship.
- To explore our own sense of calling to be part of, and lead groups.

### The key values of this course:

- The promotion of the study of scripture, mutual prayer and support, learning through discussion as desirable qualities for all small groups, and for all members to be active parts of such a group.
- Small groups as integral to the mission of the church, the discipleship and faith journeys of our members.
- It is a discernment process for you, your situation and the Mission and Ministry Team in your location.
- Completion of this course doesn't mean you are committed to undertake voluntary work, or that your Mission Community will necessarily be able to use your unique skills and gifts in this way. However, we are committed to helping people willing to volunteer connect with churches which have a skills gap.
- It is designed to help participants understand why these roles are important and what they might entail for the individuals, and for the community. It includes the exploration of skills and ideas that are applicable to all of our lives.
- If you are interested in doing a Grow course that is great! We would ideally like you to have a conversation with your church leader before you apply but if that is not possible we can arrange for you to have a chat with one of our mission and ministry team instead.

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