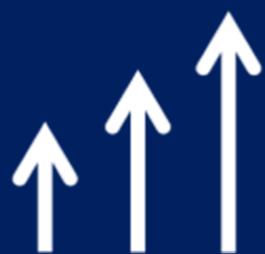


GUIDE TO BEING A MEMBER OF A GROW GROUP



Enfield Town
Community Church

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The purpose of this short booklet is to help you make the most of Grow Groups.

*Our big aim and passion for
Grow Groups is that they will
enable us to:
GROW to know and love
Jesus as we GROW to know
and love each other.*

What is a Grow Group and why should I get involved?

At Enfield Town Community Church, Grow Groups are the small groups to which you belong and where you are best welcomed, cared for and prayed for.

They will help you to get better connected with church life by making BIG church, small – simply because you will get to know a few people very well. Your Grow Group leader is the first person to contact if you need help or advice.

When does a Grow Group meet?

We believe Grow Groups are so vital to the life of church, that we have a variety of days and options, in order to make regular attendance easier. Our main evening for Grow Groups is a Tuesday night, both at church (Central Groups) and in homes (Community Groups). We also have groups that meet on a Friday, both morning and evening (centrally). All of the Grow Groups follow the same programme and pattern.

What will being a member of a Grow Group involve?

In joining a Grow Group, you are making a commitment to learn and grow with one another, and to serve, love, encourage and care for one another. On your part, this will involve:

- **Presence** – Grow Groups should be a high priority. There will always be certain unavoidable situations, but as far as possible, we urge members to make every effort to make it.
- **Participation** - In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul says that the church is like a human body. It only grows when every part is doing its bit. This means we have responsibilities towards each other as believers. Belonging to a Grow Group means sharing our lives with others through encouragement, care, support, service and the use of our gifts. It also means actively working to help others grow to be more like Jesus.

- **Prayer** - One of the key ways we can serve each other is through prayer, because it's through our prayers that God does his work. Belonging to a Grow Group means praying regularly for the members of the group.

Therefore, you have a significant impact on how effective your Grow Group is.

Though living in community comes with all sorts of challenges (something the Bible is very realistic about!), it is where we grow best as Christians and as a church. Our prayer is that through our Grow groups, we will 'in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ' (*Ephesians 4:15*)

