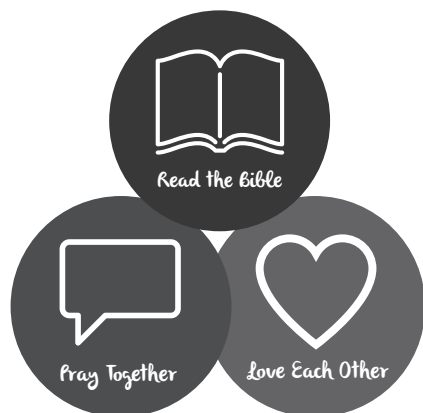


# SMALL GROUPS

## at Salt Church



### WHAT DO THEY DO?

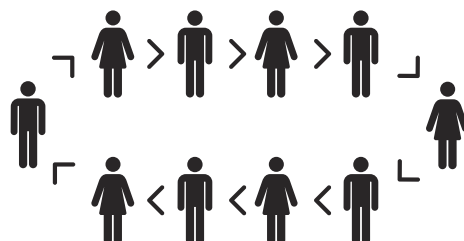
In Small Groups we help each other know God better and learn to love each other like God loves us. Your group leader(s) role is to encourage you to do that together.



### WHAT ARE THEY?

Small Groups are made up of 8 to 12 Christian members of Salt, who meet weekly to read the bible, pray together and love each other.

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching." —Hebrews 10:24-25*



Small Groups are mainly about growing in the Maturity 'M' (although the other four 'M's' will sometimes be expressed there too). That's why the main thing we do in Small Groups is read the bible together to discover what God says about reality so we can go live it out.



For many people at Salt, being a regular part of a weekly Small Group is one of the best experiences in their Christian life.

Groups run for a year at a time, although many continue the following year as well. After a year they may change, if people in your group move to a different Salt Church gathering, if your leader/s decide to stop leading and serve at Salt in some other way, or if there are new opportunities worth taking.



Small Groups are one place where Salt members meet and care for each other. Being a committed member of your group is one of the best ways to be loved and cared for at Salt, and (even more importantly) it's one of the best ways to care for others too.

## EXPECTATIONS

### Commitment

Your group will be a great part of your life as a Christian, if everyone in it commits to helping each other grow. So at the least, commit to your group, plan to be there each week, get to know the people in your group, and support them to grow to know God better. That's the very same thing they'll be doing with you!

### Changing Groups

If you want to change Small Groups for whatever reason, have a chat with your Small Group Leader. We'd recommend you stick at a new group for at least a month or two, as it takes time to grow relationships with people. But if you would still like to change groups, your leader/s can help you join another one.

### Beginning

Small Groups are great, so you may want to invite a friend along to yours. It's fine for them to visit your group for a week or two - if they plan to come and visit, let your leader know so they can help your group welcome them. However, Small Groups are such an important part of Salt, so the best way for anyone to join a Small Group is to come to Beginning first. We've found it's a crucial step for helping people jump into life at Salt with a clear idea of what they can expect from Church and what's expected of them.