

## **GROWTH GROUP LEADERS' MEETING - MONDAY 24 JULY 2017**

If you missed the meeting here is a summary of what we discussed:

We prayed together and then heard news about how the Philippians series had gone in groups. We shared how the groups were handling the new series on the book of Daniel. Owen and Simon plan to make a video to send to leaders with help on how to teach the second half of the book.

Marcus has requested that we view the video on Crossroads finances and encourage our group members to do the same.

Pastoral Care teams are gradually being put in place to help the pastoral care that is done by growth groups. Our aim is to make sure that no-one falls through the cracks. Not everyone is in a growth group and some groups are light on resources to help members who might be in difficulty. If this is the case for a person you know about please do feel free to reach out to the pastoral care coordinator - currently Wendy Nicholls. Please make sure as much as possible that the person in question has given you permission to share about their situation with the other members of your group or with other people BEFORE sharing. We need to respect people's privacy. We plan in the future to do some pastoral care training for growth group leaders.

Simon shared with us that there would be no Jesus on Life this semester but that Springfest will be held on October 5-8 and that more information would be forthcoming this week.

In the light of the 4 monday evening training sessions, 11/9, 18/9, 9/10 and 16/10 please let Owen know if there are members of your growth group who would make suitable potential leaders of new or existing groups in 2018. Owen would love to invite them along to the training evenings. Attending these evenings for training would not necessarily commit them to leading groups. You might like to encourage them to step up to lead studies for your group and coach them in this direction during the second half of this year.

We understand that some leaders would love to take a break from leading after leading groups for a number of consecutive years. Please do think prayerfully about this for yourself as we are keen to give those who have served in this way a break should they feel the need for it. Do let Owen know however if you are thinking along these lines so that he can help the transition of people into groups in 2018.

In our training time we read a chapter about encouraging prayer in our groups and shared tips that we had found useful. You can find the chapter on the growth group leader resources section of the Crossroads Website.

Thanks for your faithful service.

Yours in Him,

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