

how we gather

Generally, in no particular order each of our groups catch up, eat, study Scripture, discuss sermons and challenges from the week, share our stories and pray for each other. Our groups often connect together for informal social gatherings or events around Canberra too!

how we communicate

Each group communicates through their own secret Facebook group, all of which are administered by the group leaders/facilitators and Pastor Nath, our Youth & Young Adults Pastor.

how you can connect in

There are several young adults life groups, our Edge Youth small groups on Sunday morning (yr7-9), and our Thrive Youth small groups on Wednesday night (yr10-12).

Our Young Adults Life Groups are intentionally made to have the same format as Thrive so that transition to a regular life group from college is easier.

Check out our Connect Corner found in the church foyer for contact details of facilitators or fill out a Hughes Connect Slip and return it to the Church Office Letterbox and we will be in contact.

For further information contact Pastor Nath at npsami@gmail.com

join a life group

monday

HBC Northern Cooperative
[early 20's to early 30's]

tuesday

Tuesday Night Bible Study
[fresh out to mid 20's]

wednesday

Thrive Youth Group
[Yr 10 & college students]

thursday

Thursday Life Group
[fresh out to mid 20's]

Rhymes With Thrive
[fresh out to early 20's]

Southside Life Group
[mid 20's to early 30's]

sunday

Edge Youth Group
[high school students]

hbc youth & young adults

life groups

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."

Our youth and young adults Life Groups give recognition to the importance of sharing and gathering over more than a service each week.

Church is people and not a building. Throughout the week we gather in life groups to share the joys and sorrows of life, study scripture, eat and drink, pray and care; taking time to listen to both God and each other.

As you seek to make Canberra home we encourage you to step into a life group and discover a full life, of the kind Jesus talked of, with fellow believers.

We look forward to connecting with you,
Pastor Nathan Sami
Youth & Young Adults Pastor

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what we value

All of the youth and young adults life groups at Hughes Baptist Church have several key expectations based primarily on the practices of the early church (Acts 2). These expectations are:

being a family

'In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...' Our Life Groups seek to embody this mindset by making how we value one another a priority so that we may faithfully live out this call.

1. Firstly being Brothers & Sisters in Christ: having a sibling mentality to how we care for and value each other. [Hebrews 13:1]
2. Secondly being Co-workers in Christ: having a recognition of our corporate mission and commission to work together for God's Kingdom through acts of love. [Colossians]
3. Thirdly being Friends in Christ: having a recognition of our shared interests, shared life and shared love, though not prioritising that to the exclusion of others. [Philippians]

Like family, every individual and every group is different. We celebrate our differences while remaining united in Christ.

[1 Corinthians 12]

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

eating together

- As often as possible (where we can afford it), eat. [It was the setting for just about everything Jesus did]
- Gather in each others homes, practicing hospitality. [Hebrews 13:2]
- Gather outside of Life Groups and Sunday Services i.e. social gatherings, young adults events & camps

sharing together

- Be consistent and committed, in order to create a safe space to be vulnerable, honest, share, grow and learn. [Hebrews 10:23-25]
- Be a space of love and acceptance. [1 John 4:7-16]
- Help support each other practically in meeting needs. [Romans 12:13]
- Recognise Life Groups as a space to invite others into where all play host to newcomers (whether from church or not). [Romans 12:13]
- Keep gatherings small in order to create a safe space for relationships and have the freedom to invite friends (no more than 12 is ideal).
- Be prepared to multiply with growth.

growing together

- Study scripture (exegetical study and relevant topics); honouring this time for all involved (without being overrun by tangents). [2 Timothy 3:16-17; Deuteronomy 11:18-23]
- Be challenged and moved to action. [Micah 6:8]
- Pray together. [James 5:13-16; Philippians 4:6]
- Recognise that we are all different and all have different understandings, experiences, things we appreciate and are frustrated by in Christian faith.
- Be God honouring, Christ focused & listen to the Spirit in all relationships. [Philippians 2:1-11]

These expectations are for us all, not to control us but to unify us around a common cause; being church in the same way as the first followers of Jesus were.

We encourage you and those in your group to keep each other accountable to these values and use them as a foundation to be a group and individuals after God's own heart ready to eat, share and grow together.