**Developing my group**

The small groups that we encourage and support are based around biblical values which are outlined here. One way of looking at your group’s development is to enable these values to be alive and well in your group. This will help your group to be well balanced and healthy whilst have a missional heartbeat.

**A is for: All involved**

One of the secrets of the small group idea is that it enables everyone in the group to actively participate. It is not just a case of hearing the leader’s voice we are all encouraged to participate. Click here to read more……

**B is for: Becoming disciples**

Small groups are places where discipleship can happen effectively as they create open and honest environments where we can be challenged and encouraged to grow in our faith and walk with God and others. Click here to read more…..

**C is for: Creating community**

We are designed to live in relationship with each other and in this way we demonstrate something of the heart of the God we believe in who himself lives in community as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our small groups can be places where authentic community can be nurtured. Click here to read more….

**D is for Doing evangelism**

We are all called to be witnesses, to live out and share our faith with those around us. Our small group can help us do this effectively in ways that are natural to us and help to encourage us to see other discover God for themselves. Click here to read more….

**E is for: Encountering God**

One of the great things about our Christian faith is that we believe in a God who reveals himself to us and wants to be known by us. Whilst we often encounter God on our own there is an added dimension to that encounter when we meet with others. We can encounter God in our small group as he often speaks to us through each other. Click here to read more….

**Evaluate your group around these values**

We have put together a review of these values that you can use in your group to see how you are doing. It is in a pdf format so you can print it out and spend some time doing it together and talking about how you can move forward together. Click here to view and down load the pdf…..

**Sticking points for groups**

Groups can get stuck, they level off or don’t move beyond a particular stage of development. This is a sociological fact and applies to all sorts of groups. Your church small group is likely to have similar experiences and get stuck. Here are some helpful pointers to enable your group to grow through and move beyond its particular level of engagement. Click her to read more…..