

nurturing rhythms for

# Gospel-Shaped Community

ELECTIVE NURTURING COMMUNITY



with  
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*making, maturing, and  
multiplying* disciples of  
Jesus Christ for God's glory





# our mission

Making, maturing, & multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ for God's glory

하나님의 영광을 위해 그리스도의 제자를 만들고 성장하고 번성하자

Ba loi ba pioc ku bii juek de du pioc ke Yecu Criyjou ne ke De Nhuom

为了上帝的荣耀，培养，成熟和繁衍耶稣基督的门徒。感谢和祝福



**making:** *passionate about people becoming followers of Jesus.*

**maturing:** *committed to nurturing life-long and whole-of-life disciples.*

**multiplying:** *longing to shape disciple-making disciples and disciple-making communities.*

# outline & overview

WHY GOSPEL-SHAPED RHYTHMS?



NEXT STEPS

*During the elective, consider your:*

1. Context
2. Strengths/Gaps
3. Next Steps



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# why rhythms like these?

## Rhythms of Life Together

Ephesians 4 & Acts 2

### These Five Rhythms:

- *Enable us to take our part in our mission to make, mature, and multiply disciples.*
- *Help us to take our part in the building of God's church (individually and collectively).*
- *Reflect a pattern of what it means to be a member.*
- *Provide a shared language.*
- *Form the basis for continual invitation deeper into the life of Christian community.*

**EMBEDDED** through teaching, weekly focus, regular prayer, opportunities to participate.



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## *Question*

**IN PAIRS (or parish groups):**

**If someone visited your local church  
for a few weeks:**

- a) What do you think would stand out as to what is valued?**
- b) What do you think it looks like to be member of your local church?**

# PRAY • GATHER • GROW • GIVE • SERVE

## Foundation

*“This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...’* — MATTHEW 6:9-13

### Summary

- Prayer is to God, to depend on God, and to experience God. Prayer is powerful.
- Prayer has always been the engine room of our church, but we long to grow in our hunger for—and dependence on—God.
- We want to pray at every opportunity and be a church saturated by prayer.

### Measure

- Participation in Prayer Groups/Lists.

## In Practice

**Sundays: Public Prayer & After Services**

**Prayer Groups & Lists**

**Prayer Nights**

**Prayer Notes (News & Email Newsletter)**

Engine Room Prayer • Engine Room Prayer • Engine Room Prayer



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*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. — PSALM 95:1-3*

### Summary

- Gathering as God's people on Sundays is the heartbeat of our church.
- We gather together to worship God. With hearts open to God. In anticipation of forever with God.

### Measure

- Sunday attendance (in-person/online).
- Newcomer & Stay Ratios.
- Church multiplication.

## In Practice

**Preaching, Resources, & SBK/CHARGE**

**Sundays: 7.30 9.30 6PM**

**Online Livestreaming**

**Church Plant in Brisbane**

**Midweek Gatherings**

**Focus on Accessibility (inc Languages)**

**Children's & Youth Ministries**



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*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another... — HEBREWS 10:24-25*

### Summary

- We take seriously the command to be mature disciples in: all Jesus taught, the likeness of Jesus, & participation in God's mission in the world.
- We especially seek to grow in God's Word in the power of his Spirit.
- We express this on every frontline.

### Measure

- % of church members in small groups.
- First time commitments & returners.

## In Practice

Small Groups (MAIN FOCUS)

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Leadership Development & Interns

FOCUS Weekend Away

Training Centre (inc Ridley)

Centre for Work+Faith

Library + Online Resources



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*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. — 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7*

### Summary

- We give: in response to God's grace, because all we have belongs to God, because giving helps us grow as disciples, to invest in God's kingdom.
- We give sacrificially, prayerfully, thoughtfully, cheerfully, regularly.

### Measure

- % of member households giving.
- Meeting budget/mission needs.

## In Practice

General Offerings

Building Fund

VISION 2025 (Multiplication)

Sponsorships



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*...just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given... — ROMANS 12:4-6*

### Summary

- God has entrusted each disciples with gifts and a part to play. We're grateful for the variety of gifts God has given and count it as a privilege to use our gifts for building up God's church.

### Measure

- % of members serving.
- % of leader & apprentice leader positions filled.

## In Practice

Sunday Serving on Teams

Midweek Serving

Leaders and Apprentice Leaders

St Bart's Care



## *Questions*

**IN PAIRS (or parish groups):**

**Which (of the rhythms) are strengths/gaps in your community?**

**If from St Bart's — how could you help nurture and participate in our rhythms more?**

**If from elsewhere, how could you help nurture and participate in Gospel-shaped rhythms more?**



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