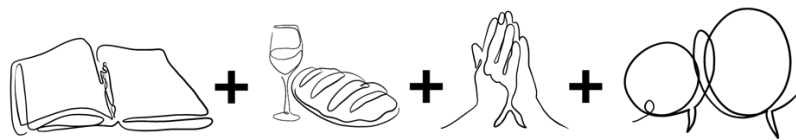


CLUSTERS



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WHY CLUSTERS?

Before we can really ask ‘Why Clusters?’, we need to first consider why we exist at all. Why does the Church exist? Why were we not all zapped into heaven the moment we were born again? Why has God chosen to leave us on the earth, and what purpose does he have for us as followers of Jesus? While there are many personal and individual things God calls us each to do for him, what are the fundamentals, the basics of what it means to be a Christian who is committed to following Jesus? Answering this will help us find a context for what Clusters are and why we need them – why *you* need them.

TWO GREAT COMMANDS.

Two of Jesus most famous commands that he left his disciples with are not what you may immediately think of when asked, ‘What are the two greatest commands?’ We know that Jesus said the two greatest commands that *summarise the law and prophets* were to love God and to love our neighbour. But these two commands are a summary of the Old Covenant, not the New. The New Covenant didn’t do away with those commands, we still aim to love God as our highest priority, and to love others too, but Jesus actually gave us 2 new commands that can sometimes be overlooked.

In John 13:34-35 Jesus said this,

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

And after his resurrection in Matthew 28:18-20, he commissioned the church with these words,

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The first of these commands is like the ‘love your neighbour’ command, but with a subtle twist. Instead of focusing on love for any and everybody, Jesus is commanding that we love each other. And instead of loving each other as we love ourselves, by taking care of our physical needs, Jesus says we are to love each other the way he loves us. Yes, we’re still called to love all people, but we are to step it up to a whole new level when it comes to how tenaciously we love each other. The same sentiment is captured by the Apostle Paul when he said we ought to do good to all, but ‘especially to the household of faith’ (Galatians 6:10). The family of believers is meant to get special attention.

Couple this command to love each other like he loves us with this second command to make disciples, and you get what we believe to be the purpose, mission, mandate and assignment of not just the Church, but for every single follower of Christ. Yet both these commands actually hinge on our relationship with God, so that must be our first priority.



JESUS COMES FIRST.

In order to love others like Christ does, we first have to *receive* his love and be shaped by it. We need to become more like Him, and this happens only as we behold him (2 Cor 3:18). We can't love like Christ without knowing we are loved *by* Christ, and so we can't love like Christ unless we actually know Christ. In the same way, we can't teach others to follow and obey Jesus (i.e., make disciples) if we aren't following and obeying Jesus ourselves. We must be disciples of Christ first in order to be able to make disciples of Christ. This is why Paul told Christians to imitate him as he in turn was imitating Jesus (1 Cor 11:1). Our relationship with Him is paramount, so it must come first. Everything orbits around Him, and the fruit of our life flows out of our relationship with him (John 15).

Our goal as Christians, is and always should be, to have a dynamic, life giving relationship with our Creator on *His* terms. God has kindly given us his written Word and His Holy Spirit, to lead us and guide us into exactly what that means, and there are many crucial ingredients. One of those crucial ingredients to fulfilling this call from God to grow and become like Him, to love others and to make disciples, is having trusted and intimate relationships with other believers. In short, we need authentic Christian community, and we see this modelled in Acts 2 immediately after Pentecost as the Church is born,

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

COMMUNITY & CLUSTERS

The early disciples met together in the temple courts, and in homes. They gathered in large numbers in the public place of worship, and in smaller more intimate settings. They had wide gatherings for the whole community, and smaller, more personal gatherings in clusters. In the same way a body is made of small cells, so too is a community made up of clusters. These clusters are not separate from the whole, they are just smaller parts of the whole as if we had zoomed in under the microscope to take a closer look at the culture and DNA of the church community. For this reason, many connect group models in the past have been called 'Cell Groups'.

PARTIES & CELLS.

Over the years, churches have invented and reinvented different ways of articulating and practicing both the community and the cluster idea. Sunday services and connect groups have been our staple way of sharing our faith and our lives together for over 2000 years. As a local church, we have engaged in a variety of models over the past 35 years and have seen great things happen in the life of our church through the various seasons we've been through. Each season of our church's history has benefited from different approaches to building and fostering community. This is because each model, or method of ministry and of doing community, has different strengths and weaknesses. Choosing the right model and method in any given season requires us to rightly interpret the times and to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying about what we as a church need to be focused on.

Only a few years ago, we felt the Spirit saying we needed to focus on strengthening the relational elements of our midweek connections, so we started something called 'House Parties'. These were connect groups that focused mostly on the word 'party' – they were fun, inclusive, filled with great food and drink, laughter and fellowship. With a bit of prayer and spiritual discussion woven in, these House Parties were great for strengthening the heart of the church and in increasing the warmth of the church.

But House Parties were not deep, they weren't designed to be. With 15 or even 20 people, they were full of life, but people could easily be missed in the crowd. People weren't really being challenged personally to grow or share their vulnerabilities in an intimate, trusted way. But that wasn't what House Parties were for.

In other seasons we've had the classic 10-12 person 'Connect Group' model operating. These are less of a 'party' and were a space for deeper discussion and discipleship. These have proven in many churches, to be a great way to help people grow in their faith and in their relationship with Jesus. They are also very 'leader' driven. Having large numbers of people in each group brings with it the inevitable complexities of pastoral care, managing tension and resisting the formation of cliques. For these and other reasons, churches like ours have found that these 'classic connect groups' have always required gifted and well-trained leaders in order for them to be fruitful and healthy. Both the House Party model and the Classic Connect Group model still have a valuable place in church life, and we celebrate the many good things that these groups have produced in the culture of *our* church community. But the season has changed again, and we hear the Spirit speaking to us about increasing the level of growth and discipleship each person is experiencing, through cultivating a community that gathers in the public place of worship, and in small clusters of 3's and 4's – ***A Community of Awe.***

**Jesus had crowds, that was the party.
He had the 12, that was his connect group.
Then he had the 3, Peter, James & John – that was his CLUSTER.**

(We are focusing now on starting Clusters. This means that we are not currently looking to start any new 'House Parties' or 'Connect Groups'. However, the parties and groups that already exist and are still meeting are free to continue to do that)

CLUSTERS.

Right now, we believe that the Lord is calling us to move even deeper into what it means to love one another as He loves us, and to make disciples who are zealous for the scriptures, filled with the Holy Spirit, and have a passion for Jesus Christ like we've not seen before. The world is growing increasingly hostile towards the Church, and we recognise that we need to respond to Heaven's mission and not react to the world's rhetoric. So, as we respond to what the Spirit is saying, we are turning our attention to the cultivation of clusters across the life of the church.

A cluster in the natural sense, is a small group of like items that are growing together, like grapes on a vine or olive trees in a grove. It's interesting that both grapes and olive trees can be referred to as clusters, and that the anointing of the Holy Spirit can be referred to as wine or oil! Both wine and oil are produced through the application of pressure to the grape and the olive.

SO, WHAT IS A CLUSTER?

A cluster is a small group of Christians - 3 or 4 people of the same gender, from our church family, that gather together for the purpose of love and spiritual growth, resulting in new wine and fresh oil. (There are some more details further down as to the particulars of what is and what is not considered a 'cluster').

'AS IRON SHARPENS IRON, SO ONE MAN SHARPENS ANOTHER'

(PROVERBS 27:17)

It's life on life, spirit to spirit, heart to heart. When we gather in clusters, we share our lives with each other; we challenge each other, shoulder one another's burdens, lift each other up, cheer each other on, confess our sin, pray for one another and serve each other with our gifts and with the sacrificial love of Christ. In short, we love one another as Christ loves us, and we contribute to the making of disciples.

3 MAIN FEATURES.

'And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers' (Acts 2:42)

The disciples, those who were converted, born again and had chosen to follow Jesus not only as Saviour but also as Lord, were not coerced or forced to do anything; they devoted *themselves*. They were committed, together, to three simple yet profoundly powerful things that not only shaped their lives, but the entire church community:

1. The Apostles' Teaching and the fellowship
2. To the breaking of Bread
3. And to Prayer

Clusters are where 3-4 believers meet for Christian fellowship while reading/sharing scripture, taking communion together, and praying together.

THE CRUCIAL, NEGOTIABLE & EVENTUAL.

There are some crucial elements that make a cluster a Cluster, things that must be incorporated, adhered to and embraced for a group of 3 or 4 people to be considered a recognised 'Cluster' of C3 Spectrum Church. Then there are other things that may be nice, negotiable or recommended, but not mandatory or prescribed so to speak.

THE CRUCIAL (the non-negotiable things)

- **3-4 people per Cluster.** Having 5 people is okay, but when that group is going to add one more to make six, it needs to become 2 groups of 3 instead of one group of 6.
- Cluster members must be of the **same gender** – i.e., just men or just women.
- Clusters are to be made from members of **our church** family. We love other believers too, but these groups are about strengthening and discipling our church.
- Each time you meet, a Cluster should in some way include **scripture, communion and prayer** as the main elements of gathering together.
- Meet at **least once a fortnight**. If your cluster is keen to meet more often, that's great! But if it starts to stretch to once every 3 weeks or once a month, etc... it will not be effective in cultivating the kind of intimacy and depth that these Clusters are geared for.
- **Registration:** each cluster must be registered, and in doing so, the members of the cluster recognise the spiritual authority of the Church Pastors and come under their oversight and leadership. This means the Cluster is accountable and submitted to church pastors and has the confidence of knowing that their Cluster has the spiritual covering of the church. It also means the Pastors are better positioned to serve and care for the members of the church by knowing which Cluster each member belongs to.
- **Cluster Comms:** Clusters do not have 'leaders'. They are run collaboratively by all the members in the spirit of unity. While mature members will no doubt take initiative to direct or steer your time together, Clusters are intentionally small so no 'leader' is required. We do however need each Cluster to have a designated person communicating with pastors on the health, wellbeing, needs and culture within the Cluster. This is what we call **Cluster Comms**, or point of contact, for occasional, informal communication or 'journal' updates.

THE NEGOTIABLE (You decide among yourselves)

- Where, When, Time, etc... Depending on who is in your Cluster, find a suitable time, location, day or night of the week that fits best. Homes are good, but not always practical, so find a place that works for your Cluster where you can read, discuss, pray and take communion.
- Duration: we recommend around one hour if meeting fortnightly, but you can do less if meeting weekly. But really, it's up to your Cluster. By the time you discuss some scripture, hear what each one wants to share, take communion together and spend some time in prayer, you'll be amazed at how quickly one hour can pass. Obviously, if all Cluster members are keen, you can meet for more than an hour – do what works as long as you still cover the above 'crucial' elements. But don't worry, we'll provide lots of resources to help any clusters that need it. Always start together and finish together.
- Adding new people to your Cluster. We want all members of the church to belong to a Cluster, which means you may at times invite someone to join yours. Do it together, chat to your other Cluster members.

THE EVENTUAL (work towards including these)

- Vulnerability: sharing personal issues, challenges and the like can be hard, but is an important part of being a disciple of Jesus. Trust is imperative, but since trust is given not earned, each member will need to choose when they are going to trust their Cluster with the more fragile parts of their lives. This is healthy and it is a goal of these groups that we would share our lives with each other in honest, vulnerable ways – but don't force it, develop it.
- Confession: Scripture commands us to confess our sins to each other and to forgive one other (James 5:16). This too requires trust. It's not something to rush into, but it is something to be aiming for where the depth of love and trust within a Cluster provides the security and confidence people need to be able to confess their sin and find grace, support and hope.
- Use the gifts: As your groups grows in its level of trust, boldness and confidence, you will find that words of knowledge, prophecy and other gifts of the spirit will ignite for the purpose of encouragement and edification. This too is to happen eventually, as the Cluster develops.

A FEW MORE HELPFUL POINTS AND TIPS

- **Plan ahead:** As a Cluster, discuss and decide on what you will be doing each week so that all members can prepare. This may mean reading a book of the bible together, or a reading plan, or taking it in turns sharing from your journal or a number of other things. But plan ahead so each time you meet you have something to contribute.
- **Click not Clique:** Gather with people you click with, but don't let it become a clique, be inclusive and looking to add a person to your Cluster.
- **Split and Multiply:** As the Cluster grows, it may need to be split into 2 smaller clusters. Let's be honest, no one likes it when the group splits up, and calling it 'multiplication' isn't the whole story. The only way to multiply Cluster groups is if they are first willing to split. This is the view that all mature believers will take, while they will enjoy and love their Cluster as it is, they understand it's more important to ensure everyone is included, even if it means splitting their Cluster up to form new ones. This is where the sacrificial nature of Christ's love will manifest, when we put others ahead of our own comforts and preference. Clusters are meant to multiply, but it does mean they must be willing to split first. Unless a seed falls to the ground and dies it remains only a single seed (John 12:24).

CLUSTERS ARE NOT:

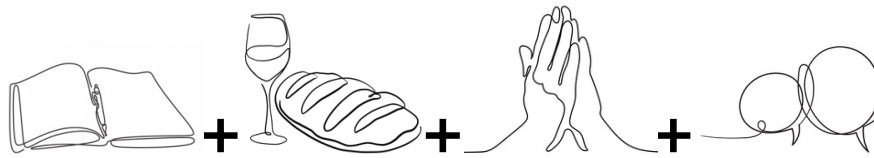
- **Places for unhealthy debate:** leave the debatable things for other spaces and environments. It's okay to have robust discussions and to share differing points of view, in fact this is healthy and encouraged, so long as we are far more concerned with loving each other more than winning a debate (See Romans 14:1-22). Let humility and gentleness be your guide.
- **Platforms or Soapboxes:** Clusters are not places to hijack with your personal social justice passion, nor are do they exist for you to share your latest 30min revelation, there are other spaces for that. Remember, there is more than one grape in a cluster, so let's keep it about 'us' and ensure everyone gets opportunity to share and contribute.
- **Pity Parties:** If a member of a Cluster is feeling down or going through a difficult season, we want to bear their burden and share in their pain (Galatians 6:2), but we don't climb into the pit with them – we help them out! (Ecclesiastes 4:10). Clusters need to be filled with faith, hope and love, we need to lift each other up and encourage one other with love, empathy and gentleness (Colossians 3:13; Ephesians 4:2; Romans 15:1).
- **Places for gossip, whinging or complaining:** Clusters are places of honour, where we use our words to edify each other and those we speak of. As believers we know life and death is in the tongue, so we seek to speak life, to bless and not curse, to build up and tear down. If anyone has an issue with someone, they are, as Christ said, to go to that person privately and seek to reconcile (Proverbs 18:21; Ephesians 4:31; Colossians 3:8; James 3:1-18).
- **Perfect:** We're not perfect, so neither will these Clusters be – but it *is* what we're called to and we're headed; to maturity. When we mess up or get it wrong, we repent, forgive, reconcile, and press on toward the upward call in Christ (Matthew 5:48; Hebrews 6:1).

A TYPICAL CLUSTER.

Here is an **example** of how a 1-hour Cluster may run, followed by the Cluster Tool-Kit full of conversation starters, ideas on how to incorporate scripture, how to take communion, what you can be praying about, etc...

- **Start with prayer** – have someone pray, thanking God that you can gather and ask for the Holy Spirit to guide and bless your time together.
- **20min – Share:** Share with each other how your week has been, anything you want to thank God for, answered prayers, any challenges you're facing, what God has been speaking to you about, etc...
- **20min – Scripture:** Read a portion of scripture together and discuss how God is transforming you or teaching you through the scripture.
- **20min – Communion & Prayer:** Take communion together, then spend some time in prayer.

CLUSTER TOOL-KIT



There are a lot of great books by Christian authors that you may like to read, however, for this aspect of the Cluster it's important that we read the scriptures together, not just books. The Word of God is powerful and active, instructing, encouraging and directing us in how we ought to live. We know that all scripture is inspired and breathed out by God himself, and so as we read the Bible it's like looking into a mirror to see who we really are, who God says that we are (Hebrews 4:12; James 1:23-27; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). For this reason, we want to be reading, discussing and applying scripture to our lives together in Clusters.

IDEAS FOR HOW TO INCORPORATE SCRIPTURE

- Read a Psalm or chapter of proverbs together each time you meet.
- Read through one of the Gospels, the book of Acts or one of the Epistles together. Read one chapter each time you meet.
- Find a reading plan on a theme that interests the group. The YouVersion Bible App has loads of free reading plans you can follow.
- Read and discuss one of Jesus' parables each week
- Don't just read it at home and then discuss together, actually read the scriptures together, have someone read aloud.
- Read and discuss a key verse (or a few) from that week's Sunday sermon.
- Use a journal, write down what God is showing you in scripture so you can share it with your Cluster.
- Use the S.O.A.P method when reading scripture: **S**cripture: what you are reading. **O**bserve: what does it teach you/show you. **A**pplication: how do you apply this to your life. **P**ray: Respond in prayer with thanks, repentance, confession, requests, or whatever is suitable.

WHAT IF YOU DISAGREE OR FIND SOMETHING HARD TO MAKE SENSE OF?

- Don't let differing opinions become points of tension; have a discussion, not a debate.
- It's normal to not understand everything
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you insight
- If it really bothers you, ask a pastor
- Use commentaries, and read the passage in multiple Bible translations to help flesh out the meaning

WHICH BIBLE TRANSLATION SHOULD WE READ?

- There are many great translations, and it's often best to read a variety in order to get a broad understanding of what the original authors were saying when they wrote the scriptures in Greek or Hebrew. There are 3 main types of Bible Translations: Word-For-Word, Thought-For-Thought, and Paraphrases.
- For translations that are the closest to the original words used in Greek or Hebrew, use a 'Word-For-Word Translation – e.g., English Standard Version (ESV), New King James Version (NKJV), New American Standard Bible (NASB). If you find these a little difficult to read, go for a Thought-For-Thought translation.
- Thought-For-Thought translations may not use the exact wording that the Greek/Hebrew used, but instead each thought or sentence is translated as a whole. These are often easier to read as they flow better in English, e.g., the New International Version (NIV), New American Bible (NAB), New English Translation (NET).
- The third option is a paraphrase, this is when the scriptures are converted into modern language and capture the gist of the text but contain a bit more creativity in the way they are written. Paraphrase Bibles are great to read, often helping to bring meaning out of a text in the same way a sermon or Bible commentary does, but they are not so great when it comes to actually studying scripture. They serve as a great supplement, but not a replacement. Examples of paraphrases are The Message (MSG), The Living Bible (TLB), Good News Translation (GNB), and The Passion Translation (TPT).
- There is also a hybrid translation which is halfway between a paraphrase and a Thought-For-Thought translation, for example, the New Living Translation (NLT).



IDEAS FOR HOW TO INCORPORATE COMMUNION

- **BREAD:** Use some kind of bread product; a wafer, slice of bread, flatbread, sourdough...
- **CUP:** Grape juice or wine
- Grab some of the pre-packaged wafer/juice cups from Koorong (like we use at church) and have someone bring a few each week to wherever you're meeting.
- Pray together: ask for healing, offer prayers of gratitude, repentance and confession. Declare the death of Jesus together and the power of his blood for your life.
- Scriptures you may want to read together when taking communion:
 - o John 6:51-56, 1 Cor 11:17-34, Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Cor 10:16-17, Luke 22:19-20, Mark 14:22-25, Isaiah 53
- Take it in turns leading communion so that someone different leads the others each week.
- Don't preach, just highlight and celebrate the significance of the bread and the cup, remind each other what it means, confess sin if prompted to do so, ask for healing and offer up some praise and thanksgiving to God as you eat and drink together.



IDEAS FOR HOW TO INCORPORATE PRAYER

- *Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise* (Psalm 100:4) It's always good to start with thanks and praise
- As each one shares about their life throughout the discussion, **listen** thoughtfully so that you know how to pray for each other.
- **Ask** each other if there is anything they need wisdom for, any decisions or challenges ahead of them they need God's help with.
- Does anyone need healing? Pray for it. Declare it. **Lay hands** on each other and declare the power of the Name of Jesus (James 5:15; Acts 3:6)
- **Pray for the lost:** pray for opportunities to share the gospel, pray for God to soften hearts and open minds. Pray for unsaved family members, colleagues, friends, etc... Start to believe and pray together for each group member to see one more person saved... then one more, then one more...
- Cultivate a **strategy** together to pray for specific people you want to see saved that you are currently witnessing to. Ask each other, **Who** are you trying to bring to Christ that we can pray for?
- Pray for politicians, **leaders**, pastors, the church, schools, kids, families, or whatever else is on your heart where you want to see the influence of the Kingdom of God increase.



The 2 keys to quality conversations are (1) Good Questions, and (2) Good listening. Pay attention to what people say when you ask questions, listen and *ask more questions* instead of sharing a reciprocal story or experience (your turn will come). This peels back layers, cultivates depth and love as each person becomes more seen and heard by the rest of the Cluster.

IDEAS FOR HOW TO GET MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS HAPPENING

- What's your story?
- How did you get saved?
- What miracles have you experienced in your life?
- What are some significant prayers you've had answered in your life?
- What are you passionate about when it comes to God's kingdom?
- When do you feel most alive?
- What temptations, addictions have you struggled with in the past and got victory over?
- If money, time or other responsibilities weren't an issue, what would you love to do for God?
- If you could help a person or group of people, who would you help and why?
- What has God been speaking to you about lately? Where is he challenging you to grow?
- What are you most thankful for?

- Who are you currently praying for and trying to lead to Christ?
- Who are you intentionally sowing into and looking out for spiritually? Who are you discipling?
- What do you love about you?
- What aspects of your personality and nature do you think God loves?
- How's your marriage?
- How's your journey as a single parent or single person?
- How's your parenting going? How are you discipling your kids? What's working for you?
- Where in the church do you find a place of service and contribution?
- What gifts has God given you and how are you using them?
- How's your prayer life?
- How do you read the Bible? Are you reading? Do you have a reading plan? Do you journal?
- Are there any struggles you have right now that you'd be comfortable sharing with us?
- How can we pray for you?
- What are you believing God for?
- What's a key verse/promise that is really significant to your life or sense of calling right now?
- Tell us about your job, what's a normal workday look like?
- If God could use you to bring his kingdom into your workplace, what would that look like?
- Is there anything you would like us to keep you accountable on?
- What worship songs are you loving right now and why?
- When have you tried to share the Gospel and it didn't go well?
- What failures have been your greatest lessons?
- What success have you had that we can thank God for?
- Where would you be without Jesus?
- How are you trying to be a witness of Jesus to those around you right now?
- Where do you feel weak or susceptible to attack? How can we support you, encourage you and hold up shields of faith for you?

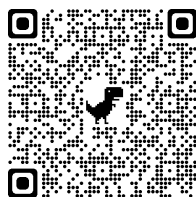
HOW WE CAME TO CLUSTERS.

A quick note from Pastor Andrew.

If you're wondering how we came to the conclusion that these 'CLUSTERS' were the right direction for our church, we want you to know that it came out of a series of weeks of meditating on scripture together and praying into how to do connect groups and cell groups in this new season. Gathering in small groups is not new, as you know, the church has been 'meeting in homes' since the book of Acts. So, neither is this a 'new' thing, but we do believe it is a '*now*' thing that the Holy Spirit has led us into. This is not a reaction to the state of the world, but rather a response to the voice of the Spirit.

We didn't just want to do what we've always done, or to do what others are doing, unless we felt the 'amen' from heaven to do so. So, for 7 weeks (see topics, links to videos and PDFs below), Ps Martyn and I gathered a group of 25-30 people in the church who were passionate about being involved in the 'connect group' culture of the church, many of whom wanted to start and lead new groups. Over the course of these weeks, looking at the scriptures, discussing the great commission, the nature of church, of personal leadership and church leadership, and to a large degree, the markers of mature Christianity, we arrived at what we now call 'Clusters'. We didn't plan it, it wasn't orchestrated, it is simply the revelation that the Holy Spirit birthed in us through this journey together, and there was a strong amen from all those in the room when we finished.

We strongly believe that these Clusters are going to have the supernatural favour of God on them, that the grace and power of the Holy Spirit will be active in growing and maturing us as a church and in spreading like leaven in the lump, impacting our community. If you would like to watch the live recorded teaching sessions from that series, just scan this QR Code or click the link to access the Private Playlist on our church YouTube channel. We look forward to seeing how God moves through these Clusters!



Or click this link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSjzIFzzbyY&list=PLaJtL_-hfL8SgS5wL-8oEZPSGrmZFBRIx&ab_channel=C3SpectrumChurch

Topics we looked at include:

- The Culture of Awe & the DNA of a 'cell group'
- Foundations in Biblical Leadership (Pre-fall Adamic Leadership)
- Self-Leadership & Growth
- Leadership in the Church & 5-Fold Ministry
- How Authority works in the Kingdom
- Personal Devotion
- Pros/Cons of various types of Connect Group Models, & finally; Clusters.

You can also access the PDF teaching notes and blackboard photos in this Google Drive Folder:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Q2Nuo0sZcbbAWXh6FPjfbcpHYjTL99D?usp=sharing>

HOW TO GET INVOLVED? START OR JOIN A CLUSTER

JOIN A CLUSTER

- **Option 1:** Joining a Cluster is easy - if you are new to C3 Spectrum Church, introduce yourself to people, start to get to know some people and when you begin to click with someone, ask to join their Cluster. If they're not in one, perhaps you can start one with them!
- **Option 2:** If you're having trouble finding a Cluster to join, for whatever reason, see one of our pastors and ask about a Cluster that might be a good fit for you. We'll do our best to help you find a friendly Cluster to belong to.

START A CLUSTER

If you would like to start a Cluster, it is quite simple: **Agree, Ask, Plan, Register, Begin!**

- **STEP 1: AGREE** - Be sure you have read the above, understand it and agree with it. If you have any concerns or questions, be sure to have those settled first *before* you move to the next step. We want you to be on the same page as the rest of the church Clusters and leadership. Talk to a pastor if you need to clarify anything.
- **STEP 2: ASK** - Ask people to be part of a new Cluster with you – find 2 or 3 others of the same gender, from within the church, and ask them if they're not already in a Cluster would they like to start one with you. If they are not 100% certain what a 'Cluster' is, point them to this document, send them a copy or point them to the website so they can read this and know exactly what they are being invited to be part of.
- **STEP 3: PLAN** - Plan with your Cluster when, where and what etc., and decide among yourselves who will be responsible for being the Cluster Comms person (point of contact). This will be the one who will maintain open communication between the Cluster and Church pastors.
- **STEP 4: REGISTER & BEGIN** - Once you have you 3-4 members, and a designated point of contact, it's time to register your cluster and begin to gather on a regular weekly or fortnightly basis around all the crucial elements discussed above; Scripture, Communion, and Prayer.

REGISTER A NEW CLUSTER, CLICK THE LINK

<https://c3spectrum.elvanto.com.au/form/078c7208-2909-4d03-976c-f72580f65373>

OR SCAN THE QR CODE

Before you register a new Cluster, please check that you have you covered the first 3 steps above.

