



Growth Group Guide

**2017**



Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple complex, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with a joyful and humble attitude, praising God and having favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved. — Acts 2:46-47

Dear Reader,

I would like to invite you to join us for one of our Growth Groups in 2017.

If you have never been a part of one of our Growth Groups, then you are in for a great experience. Growth Groups number up to 15 people that meet together each week in a convenient location to learn about the Bible, to grow and have fun meeting new people.

When you join a group, you will experience:

1. Weekly Bible study to help you grow in your faith. Bible study involves reading a passage (volunteers only!) and a casual discussion on the passage; you can participate just by observing, or you can speak up if you choose.
2. Prayer: you don't have to pray out loud if you don't want to.
3. Meeting new friends in a city where everyone is looking for just that.
4. Fun with other people going through the same thing you are.

There are many different kinds of groups to choose from and I am sure that there is one just right for you. I hope you decide to get plugged in!



**Rev. John Chappell**

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**What is a Growth Group?** A Growth Group is made up to 15 people who meet up weekly for approximately 8 weeks each school term. An average meeting goes for an hour and half which is spent reading the Bible together as well as to support one another.

**How important are Growth Groups?** Here at North Ryde Anglican, we strongly believe in the importance of regular meetings with other church members to study God's Word (i.e. the Bible) together, while supporting and sharing our lives with one another.

**How can I be sure that there is a Growth Group near me?** Growth Groups meet all over the Ryde area. If you want to join, the group leader will contact you with the specific details of the group's meeting place.

**How do I choose a Growth Group?** Growth Groups meet on various nights of the week and our groups are divided as follows: age-specific groups, gender-specific groups, cultural groups, general groups and young adult groups.

**Will I be asked to pray aloud or read the Bible aloud?** Our leaders don't want to put you on spot so you won't be made to pray or read unless you feel comfortable to do so.

**What should I bring?** If you do not have a Bible of your own, one may be provided for you or a free Bible reading app can be downloaded onto your device for your convenience. Favourites chocolates are optional...but actually don't feel the need to bring a thing!

# GROWTH GROUPS DETAILS

## **Monday 7:30pm**

Group Type: Men

Leader: Peter Fernando

Mob: 0413 752 309

Location: North Ryde

## **Tuesday 9:30am**

Group Type: School Mums

Leader: Kylie Chappell

Mob: 0423 155 156

Location: Chappell's home

## **Tuesday 7:15pm**

Group Type: Young Adults

Leaders: Simon & Kathryn Holmes

Mob: 0415 169 831

Location: North Parramatta

## **Tuesday 7:30pm**

Group Type: Mixed

Leader: John Chappell

Mob: 0403 812 782

Location: Church

## **Wednesday 7pm**

Group: Young Adults

Leader: Arthur Billingham

Mob: 0488 591 013

Location: Ryde

## **Wednesday 7:45pm**

Group Type: Mixed

Leaders: Peter & Eula Bliss

Mob: 0415 412 034

Ph: 9878 3978

Location: East Ryde

## **Friday 10:30am**

Group Type: Women's

Leader: Elizabeth Fernando

Mob: 0411 576 446

Location: North Ryde

## **Friday 7:30pm**

Group: Armenian Women

Leader: TBA

Mob: TBA

Location: Church

## **Sunday 10am**

Group: Teenage Discipleship Group

Leader: Daniel Chichian

Mob: 0425 374 630

Location: Church

## **Sunday 5pm**

Group: Teenage Discipleship Group

Leader: TBA

Mob: TBA

Location: Church

# SPECIAL COURSES

Throughout the year, the church co-ordinates a number of special one off courses / series that explore topics relevant to different phases of life. Contact the church office for details of the next course starting in 2017.

An example of one of these courses is the '10 Great Dates Before You Say "I Do" ' which combines the best of marriage preparation research with a fun, easy-to-follow format. Couples will love growing together while going out together. Share your hopes and dreams appreciate your differences, communicate and connect, develop spiritual intimacy, evaluate your relationship, celebrate romance, and more! This series is presented by John & Kylie Chappell. It follows a DVD presentation with a work book. Contact the office for info on when the next course starts.



# BIBLE READING GUIDE

## REVIEW

### DID I DO IT?

If not, why not?  
If so, how'd it go?  
*Record your progress.*

## READ

### WHAT DO I SEE?

Read the passage twice,  
focusing on the obvious:  
people, places,  
ideas, repetition.  
*Record what you see.*

## RELATE

OPEN MY EYES TO SEE  
THE WONDERFUL TRUTHS  
IN YOUR INSTRUCTION

PSALM 119:18 NLT

## RESPOND

### WHAT WILL I DO?

Before you meet  
with God again,  
plan a measurable way you  
will respond to what God  
has revealed to you.  
*Record your response.*

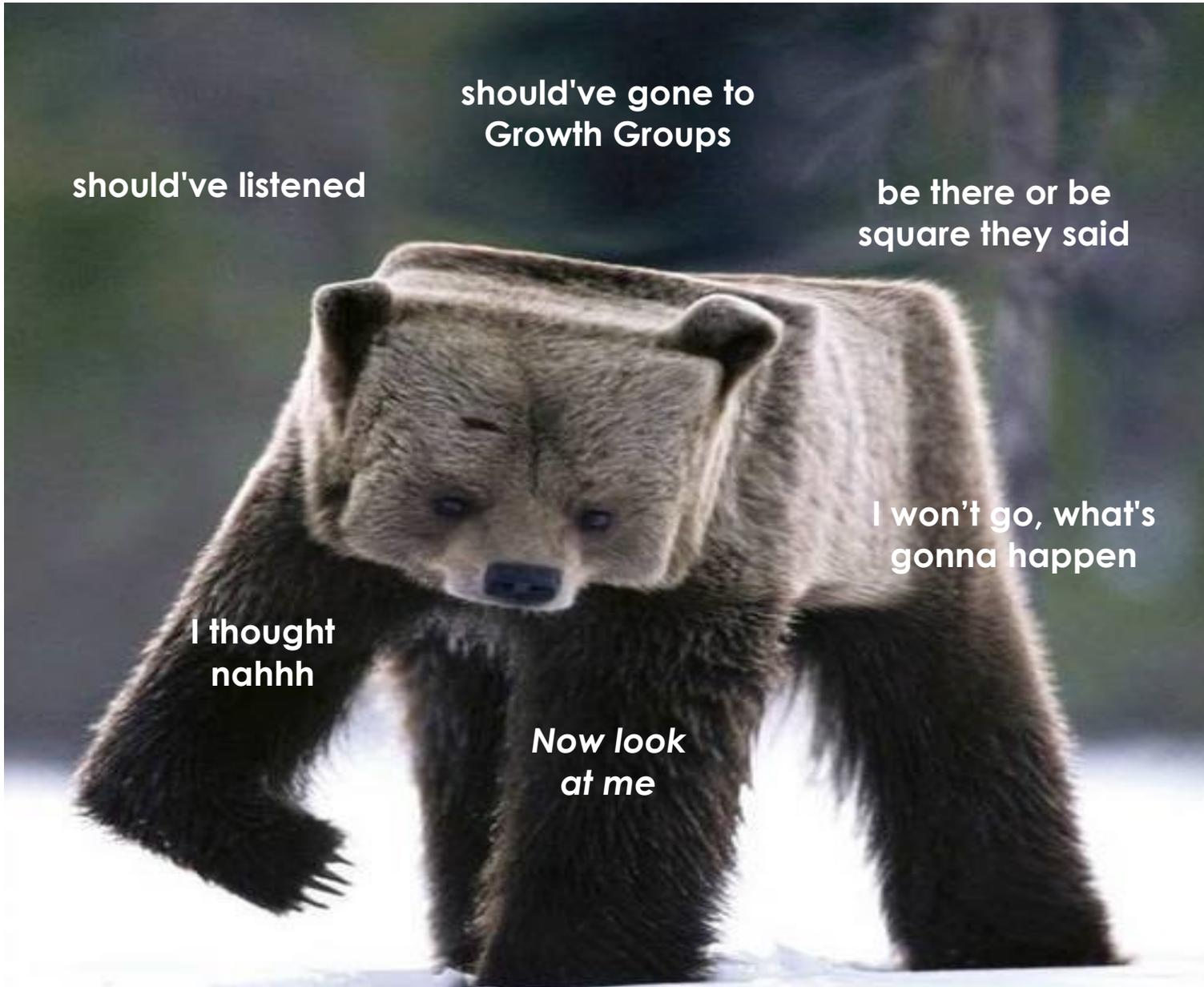
## REFLECT

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

What is God teaching  
you in this passage?  
Use your observations and  
prayer to reflect on this.  
*Record your reflections.*

Christians don't just read the Bible in groups! Why not make the Bible part of your daily routine?





should've gone to  
Growth Groups

should've listened

be there or be  
square they said

I won't go, what's  
gonna happen

I thought  
nahhh

Now look  
at me

Making Disciples through  
*Connecting, Growing & Serving*



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