

# ***Clovie Groups***

## **HOST GUIDE**



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# ***Intro to Hosting a Clovie Group***

Thank you for taking this opportunity to host a Clovie Group. We trust this will be an amazing time of spiritual growth and renewal for you and your group. This guide takes you through the info you need to lead all types of Clovie Groups. There is also a FAQs section at the end of the pack.

## **Here is what we ask all group hosts to do:**

- Register your group
- Organise a venue and facilitate the group
- Organise resources (suggestions on following pages)
- Attend Team Clovie Launch and Annual Groups Seminar
- Reach out for 1:1 support as needed



### **Have questions or need more info?**

Please reach out to Kirsten and Jason Urquhart, our Groups Leaders, by emailing [groups@clovercrest.com.au](mailto:groups@clovercrest.com.au)



To book a room at Clovie, call our office on 8397 9400. We are open Mon - Fri, 9am-3pm.



## **Life Group**

**a place to belong  
and flourish**

### **A Life Group gathers regularly (usually fortnightly) to pursue:**

- Jesus-centred biblical truth in our studies
- Meaningful conversations that challenge each other toward growing to be like Jesus
- Spiritual practices that help each person faithfully follow God

### **A Life Group centres around our Clovie values by participating in the following practices:**

- Experience God through worship, prayer, scripture and studies.
- Create community by sharing time, life, and meals with one another.
- Reach Beyond through praying for others, inviting people, supporting missionaries, and participating in an optional Reaching Beyond Project.

### **What is my role as a host?**

- Organise a venue (church rooms available)
- Facilitate discussion using resources provided
- Co-ordinate pastoral care for those in your group
- Create and maintain a loving and confidential environment

### **Studies & Resources:**

We encourage you to begin your time together as a group with the [Renew Resource Guide](#).

Here are some other free resources:

- [YouVersion Reading Plans](#)
- [Crossway Church Studies](#)
- [Open Network](#)
- [Saddleback Church Studies](#)
- [Holy Trinity Brompton Studies](#)
- [The Bible Project](#)

To explore more resources, email Kirsten and Jason Urquhart at [groups@clovercrest.com.au](mailto:groups@clovercrest.com.au)



# **Discovery Bible Study Group**

**a place to grow  
and be transformed**

## **A Discovery Bible Study (DBS) Groups gathers regularly to:**

- Read the Bible together
- Ask simple questions to discover God's truth
- Encourage each other to deeply follow Jesus

## **A DBS Group centres around our Clovie values by participating in the following practices:**

- Experience God through His word
- Create Community through sharing honestly and journeying together
- Reach Beyond through inviting others to join and sharing what God is doing.

## **What is my role as a host?**

- Organise a venue (church rooms available)
- Facilitate discussion using questions provided
- Create and maintain a loving and confidential environment

## **How do I lead a Discovery Bible Study (DBS)?**

DBS follows the ABC model:

- Ask
- Bible
- Commit

We encourage you to follow the [DBS practice guide from the Renew Resource](#). This gives details for each part of the ABC model, providing all the information you'll need for leading a DBS.

We can provide physical Bibles for your group, or you can use [YouVersion](#).





## **Prayer Group**

**a place to share  
and pray**

### **A Prayer Group is:**

An opportunity to deepen and strengthen your prayer life in a confidential community, hearing God's voice together.

Your group will gather regularly to share prayer needs and pray together. We recommend praying in groups of 3-5 people.

### **A Prayer Group centres around our Clovie values by participating in the following practices:**

- Experience God through prayer, listening to God's voice, prophecy, scripture and studies.
- Create Community through sharing needs and praying with one another.
- Reach Beyond through intentionally praying for others who don't yet know Jesus.

### **What is my role as a host?**

- Organise a venue (church rooms available)
- Facilitate prayer
- Share and pray holding all items in a caring and confidential manner

You may wish to focus your prayer group on a particular need or theme, or pray for different things each time you gather.

### **Guides & Resources:**

We encourage you to start with the [Prayer practice guide from the Renew Resource.](#)

Here are some other free resources:

- [The Prayer Course](#)
- [App: Pray as you go](#)

To explore more resources, email Kirsten and Jason Urquhart at [groups@clovercrest.com.au](mailto:groups@clovercrest.com.au)

# ***Frequently Asked Questions***

## **Do I need to register my group?**

Yes - this will help us to know and acknowledge group participants across all our campuses. It will also enhance our communication and engagement with each of you. You can [click here](#) to register your group, if you haven't already.

## **How long will our group gather for?**

We suggest committing to a year, with a review at the end of 2023. We encourage your group to take natural breaks for times such as school holidays etc.

## **When can we start?**

Once you have registered, and invited others to join you! You can do this anytime in 2023.

## **Can I be in two different groups?**

We encourage you to focus on one group. However, if time allows, and you choose to engage with two, our team would be happy to chat with you about that.

## **How much time will it take to start as a host, and what is the ongoing time commitment?**

Preparation will be important, at the beginning and ongoing. First consider who to invite and join in your group. Then plan date, time, venue and focus. Use the study resources provided for each type of group - we encourage you to start with the [Renew Resource Guide](#). We also ask you to facilitate care for those in your group – you can always reach out to our [pastoral team](#) for support in this area. Consider sharing the load by asking others in your group to partner with you.

## **What if my home is too small to host a group?**

You can use a room at Clovie Modbury North. Contact our office on 8397 400 or email [office@clovercrest.com.au](mailto:office@clovercrest.com.au). Our office is open from Mon-Fri, 9am -3pm.

## **I don't think I'm a leader - can I still do this?**

Consider yourself to be the host and facilitator. Be ready to share the work of facilitating with others. The Groups Leaders (Kirsten and Jason Urquhart) and our pastoral team are here to assist and walk with you as needed.

## **My group has some challenging people - what do I do?**

You may have someone in your group that is a bit difficult, due to personality or expectations. Pray for them, pray for wisdom and grace. Seek to understand (this may need to be done outside of the group) by having a coffee with them. Set positive and constructive boundaries. Keep reaching out to the Groups Leaders (Kirsten and Jason Urquhart) or our pastoral team, for help with navigating the situation.

## **My group is hard to facilitate - what do I do?**

model the behaviour you would expect of others in the group. Take a flexible approach in knowing some meetings will not go as expected. Discern where you sense the Lord is at work in the group. Encourage each participant to engage with each other during your time together and build trust. Keep reaching out to the Groups Leaders (Kirsten and Jason Urquhart) or our pastoral team, for help with navigating the situation.