

Pop-up small groups leaders' information

Thank you so much for joining us. Our vision for pop-up small groups is that they build community and provide a safe place for people to listen, ask, discuss and find their next step... without much prep required from you. If you can provide coffee and community, we'll provide the content to get people talking!

We are not trying to give definitive answers or 'how to's in these evenings, but want to start a thought-provoking discussion which gives people ideas and helps them to find their next step. **Our approach** is to recognise that every family is unique and that parents and carers are the experts in their own children. By using the **Key Tools**, every parent and carer can help their child connect with God as a normal part of everyday life.

Church plays a really important role in this, by being the supportive community that encourages and equips parents and carers along the way. We ask people to think about the next steps for their child or family rather than searching for a 'right answer'. You can support your group by using this language and approach too. This should help people feel able to share their thoughts and ideas, without fear of getting it 'wrong'.

Exploring these big issues in community is really helpful, as it allows people to share ideas and learn from each other before considering what they think. Pop-up small groups aim to be a safe space where that can happen. You can support people by setting a culture of journeying together and guiding people to listen well, love well and encourage each other.

In advance

- Decide how you want to gather people – this could be at church, in a home or homes, or getting individuals to watch on their own but with a video call for the discussion time.
- Spread the word so everyone knows they are welcome and when and where you are meeting. We have a shareable image with the details available on our social media and website that you can use in your own social media, emails, WhatsApp messages or websites.
- You might also choose to print or send copies of the handout in advance.

On the night

- **7.30/7.45 pm** – If meeting in person, gather people for coffee and to catch up.
- **8.00 pm** – We will go live on the **Parenting for Faith Facebook page**. You'll see the video appear at the top of the page. If you don't, try refreshing the page and scrolling down. You can watch on a phone, a smart TV (click on Facebook) or link a laptop to a TV or projector. People may want to have the video playing on their phones (muted) so they can do this individually. The video will be available afterwards so you are welcome to run this event at a different time.
- **8.30 pm** – We'll take questions and respond to them, and then stop the live broadcast. Encourage people to chat (in person or online) about what stood out to them, what they agreed or disagreed with and what the next step for their family might be. You can use the discussion questions on the handout to guide you.
- **9.00/9.30 pm** – Wrap up and go home. You might want to follow up with an email or text.

Helping kids engage with worship

with Becky Drake from Worship for Everyone

Welcome to this Parenting for Faith pop-up! At Parenting for Faith, we believe that you, the parents and carers, are the best people to help your children and teens meet and know God. We have **five Key Tools** to help you do this as a normal part of everyday life. This evening, we'll be talking about how to help our kids discover what worship is and what that might look like for them. Listen to the discussion on **Facebook Live** and add your comments and questions. Then explore your next steps by discussing this with the people around you.

The Facebook Live discussion

Worship is the overflow of our connection with God. As we encounter him, or see what he has done, we worship as we respond to his majesty and goodness. We often express our worship through singing, but there are many other ways as well. Children and young people will be worshipping as they connect with God, learn about him and see what he has done, but they may not realise that they are worshipping or that there are different ways to worship. We want to free them up to worship in ways that work for them and bring them further into the presence and love of God.

Becky Drake from Worship for Everyone will be helping us think about how we can introduce kids of all ages to worship and help them deepen their experience of worship, both at home and in church. She'll also give us some ideas of ways to work out your kid's next steps. She'll be chatting about:

- **What worship is and how we can help our kids learn about it from us.** The Key Tools of [creating windows](#) and [framing](#). By deliberately giving kids glimpses of how you worship, talking about worship and sharing stories, you help them see what worship is, and how they could do it themselves and open their minds to new possibilities.
- **How to get kids started or help them go deeper with worship.** God has made us all differently and we won't all worship in the same way. We'll talk about ways to get kids started worshipping at home and at church, as well as how to help them go deeper in worship, knowing that as they grow and change how they worship might change too.
- **Working out your kid's next steps.** As you reflect on your kid, you will be able to see ways to help them understand worship and create opportunities for them to worship in all sorts of situations.

Further links

- [Worship for Everyone's Equip Day](#) – join other parents, carers and church leaders on 18 May to be equipped and inspired to grow in intergenerational worship and discipleship both in church and at home.
- Our [Babies and Toddlers video 'Music'](#) – how to help kids connect with God through music from their first days.
- [Conformity or engagement?](#) – thinking about alternative ways for kids to worship in church.
- [The power of the songs we sing](#) – ideas for creating a family playlist.
- [Helping under 3s make sense of a church service](#) – one mum's story of framing worship for her toddler

Discussion question ideas

- What helps you worship God? How could you create glimpses into that for your kid to see?
- How does your kid worship now? Do you think they have any misunderstandings about worship that you could help them unwind?
- What opportunities could you create for your kid to see worship differently or try something new?
- What's your next step for your child?