

Live in Community

Experience the joys of Christian community
as you build each other up.



● SPIRITUAL FORMATION TOOLKIT ●

Welcome to this Toolkit

A Christian community is a group of Jesus followers called to fulfill the kingdom purposes of God in a consistent and committed manner together. These purposes include worshipping God, loving each other, growing toward being like Jesus, and transforming the people and world around us.

Action Steps

Step 1. Understand the importance of Christian Community. Scripture calls us to belong to a local Christian Community

Resources

- i. Read 'Why Invest Yourself in Christian Community?'
<https://vinechurch.life/s/Why-Invest-Yourself-in-Christian-Community.pdf>
- ii. Watch the Call To Community sermon series
<https://vinechurch.life/sermons?category=call%20to%20community>

Step 2. Join one of the communities at The Vine

Resources

- i. Link to the Communities at The Vine page
<https://vinechurch.life/community>

Step 3. Start a community

Where do you spend most of your time during the week? Start a community in your school, work, parents group etc.

Resources

- i. If you are interested in starting a group in your work, please see the Connect Faith and Work Tool:
<https://vinechurch.life/resources/toolkit/connect-faith-and-work>
- ii. If you are interested in starting any other community, please email cg@thevine.org.hk
- iii. There are a lot of different small group resources you can use for your small group. See Resources under 'Going Deeper':
<https://vinechurch.life/resources/toolkit/live-in-community/going-deeper>

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Going Deeper

1. Be a River Connector

Intentionally connect others to a Christian community.

Resources

- i. Join a River Connectors Workshop. These workshops take place regularly. See Churchsuite for more information and to sign up to the next workshop. Join us now: <https://thevine.churchsuite.co.uk/embed/events/d9vg2juq>

2. Resources for Small Groups

Resources

- i. James Bryan Smith, *The Good and Beautiful God Book*:
https://www.bookdepository.com/The-Good-and-Beautiful-God-James-Bryan-Smith/9780340996027?redirected=true&utm_medium=Google&utm_campaign=Base1&utm_source=HK&utm_content=The-Good-and-Beautiful-God&selectCurrency=HKD&w=AFF1AU9SF3HVFHA8VRP7&pdg=pla-824982385
- ii. James Bryan Smith, *The Good and Beautiful Life Book*:
https://www.bookdepository.com/Good-Beautiful-Life-James-Bryan-Smith/9780340996041?ref=pd_detail_1_sims_b_p2p_1
- iii. James Bryan Smith, *The Good and Beautiful Community Book*:
https://www.bookdepository.com/Good-Beautiful-Community-James-Bryan-Smith/9780340996065?ref=pd_detail_1_sims_b_p2p_1
- iv. Mary-Kate Morse, *A Guidebook to Prayer: Twenty-four ways to walk with God Book*:
<https://www.bookdepository.com/Guidebook-Prayer-MaryKate-Morse/9780830835782?ref=grid-view&qid=1612508989554&sr=1-1>
- v. Ruth Haley Barton, *Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation Book*:
<https://www.bookdepository.com/Sacred-Rhythms-Ruth-Haley-Barton/9780830833337?ref=grid-view&qid=1612509027474&sr=1-1>
- vi. Ruth Haley Barton, *Sacred Rhythms Participant's Guide Book*:
https://www.bookdepository.com/Sacred-Rhythms-Participants-Guide-Ruth-Haley-Barton/9780310328810?redirected=true&utm_medium=Google&utm_campaign=Base2&utm_source=HK&utm_content=Sacred-Rhythms-Participants-Guide&selectCurrency=HKD&w=AFF1AU9S48P9G6A8VRP7&pdg
- vii. Ruth Haley Barton, *Sacred Rhythms Digital Video Bundle* (Digital Video):
<https://www.christianbook.com/sacred-rhythms-video-downloads-bundle/pd/559720>
- viii. Ruth Haley Barton, *Sacred Rhythms Participant's Guide with DVD : Spiritual Practices that Nourish Your Soul and Transform Your Life* (Book + DVD):
<https://www.bookdepository.com/Sacred-Rhythms-Participants-Guide-with-DVD-Ruth-Haley-Barton/9780310889458?ref=grid-view&qid=1612509297769&sr=1-3>

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- ix. Ruth Haley Barton, *Pursuing God's Will Together : A Discernment Practice for Leadership Groups* Book:

https://www.bookdepository.com/Pursuing-Gods-Will-Together-Ruth-Haley-Barton/9780830835720?redirected=true&utm_medium=Google&utm_campaign=Base1&utm_source=HK&utm_content=Pursuing-Gods-Will-Together&selectCurrency=HKD&w=AFF1AU9SHV4PT4A8VRP7&pdg=pla-82498