

# My Faith Haven Community

## Four-week home group starter guide

A free, original discussion guide for groups meeting around a table, in a church room or online. Read Scripture in your preferred translation; this PDF gives references rather than reproducing copyrighted Bible text.

### Suggested session rhythm (60 minutes)

Welcome and check-in (10 min) • Opening prayer (5 min) • Read together (10 min) • Explore the questions (25 min) • Practical next step and closing prayer (10 min). Allow anyone to pass on questions. Keep personal stories confidential, while being clear that safeguarding concerns may need support.

### Week 1 — Belonging and welcome

**Read:** Luke 15:1–7; Romans 12:9–13

**Notice:** How does Jesus respond to people who feel overlooked?

**Discuss:** When have you felt welcomed or excluded?

**Put it into practice:** What can our group do to make room for somebody new?

**This week:** Invite someone for a conversation or offer practical welcome this week.

**Closing prayer:** God of welcome, help us love people with patience and generosity. Teach us to notice those who feel unseen. Amen.

### Week 2 — Peace when life is difficult

**Read:** Mark 4:35–41; Philippians 4:6–9

**Notice:** What do you notice about the disciples' fear and Jesus' response?

**Discuss:** What helps you be honest with God when life feels overwhelming?

**Put it into practice:** How can we offer practical help rather than easy answers?

**This week:** Check in with someone who is having a hard week.

**Closing prayer:** Lord, meet us in our worries. Give us courage to ask for help and kindness to support one another. Amen.

### Week 3 — Forgiveness and fresh starts

**Read:** Luke 19:1–10; Colossians 3:12–14

**Notice:** What changes after Zacchaeus meets Jesus?

**Discuss:** What is the difference between forgiveness and pretending harm did not happen?

**Put it into practice:** How might a fresh start involve making things right?

**This week:** Make one small step towards reconciliation where it is safe and appropriate.

**Closing prayer:** Merciful God, lead us towards humility, truth and wise boundaries. Help us seek repair without overlooking harm. Amen.

## **Week 4 — Faith in everyday life**

**Read:** James 2:14–18; Matthew 5:13–16

**Notice:** What connection does James draw between faith and action?

**Discuss:** Where is it hardest to live out kindness in ordinary life?

**Put it into practice:** What could we do together to serve our neighbours?

**This week:** Choose one practical act of service together.

**Closing prayer:** Jesus, shape our words and actions. Help our faith become love that others can experience. Amen.

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