



CORE Groups are the means by which we can enter into a mutual mentoring relationship with others.

If 'iron sharpens iron', to be effective in our God-given calling and life, we need accountable relationships in which others help, encourage and challenge us along the way.

The questions in this leaflet address four areas of our lives. All four are fundamental for healthy living and fruitful ministry and are areas in which we all need to be open to continual transformation and growth.

Each Core Group is encouraged to consider the four subject areas from time to time.

## GETTING STARTED

**READ** the questions, inviting the Holy Spirit to identify a question or subject area for discussion.

**LISTEN** to each other and identify problem areas and underlying issues. **SHARE** thoughts, common experience, biblical understanding and the Holy Spirit's prompting.

**IDENTIFY** practical steps to address areas that require a change of heart, attitude or behaviour.

**MINISTER** to one another using the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**AGREE** how to be accountable to each other for the areas that require change.



## WALKING WITH GOD

How much space and time am I giving myself for daily prayer?

When did I last spend a significant time alone with God?

When and how has God spoken to me recently?

Am I feeling close to or distant from Jesus?

When did I last study the Scriptures for personal use and what did God reveal?

Am I personally being fed by the worshiping life of Oak Tree?

What measures could I take to allow myself to receive more fully from God?

What negative factors and feelings are affecting my faith in God?

Am I carrying unresolved guilt or shame?

Am I focusing on and expressing thanks for the things that I have recently seen God doing?

What have I enjoyed reading recently?

Is there an area of my life for which I am trusting in God to act in a supernatural way?

Is there any area in my life where I feel called to fast in order to see a breakthrough? How will I respond to that call?



## DEVELOPING CHARACTER

What evidence is there of the love, joy and peace of Christ in my life?

How am I demonstrating respect and honour for others?

Am I mindful of what God thinks of me, or am I controlled by the fear of what others are thinking of me?

Am I facing necessary confrontations with grace, courage and truth or avoiding them altogether?

To whom or what do I turn for comfort and what am I doing to relax?

How am I still experiencing pleasure and fun?

Am I taking myself too seriously or am I still able to laugh at myself?

Am I aware of areas of weakness and alert to temptation?

Am I aware of the changes I need to make and am I making progress?

Is my life characterised by generosity of time, spirit and money?

Do I need to let go of any anger, bitterness or unforgiveness?