

# WESTBOURNE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

## Fellowship Group Notes

24th November 2019



## Welcome

Can you think of an occasion recently where you were involved in a great example of teamwork? This may be Sports, Work, Home or in any sphere of life.

What made the experience so good for you, the process or the result?



## Worship

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 - What does this tell us about the benefits of working together. Spend time thanking God for the good teams or partnerships that you have been a part of.

Song suggestions:

- Praise is Rising (Hosanna)
- Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King

When it comes to worship songs; how many are personal (eg. Here I am waiting...) and how many are group based (eg. Forever-we sing hallelujah). Why is this? Is it important? In what way does what we sing filter down into our thinking? Terry Waite who spent 5 years as a hostage said he could remember more of the hymns and songs that he had sung than sermons he had listened to!

## Word

Read 1 Corinthians 12

We are all individual and unique but God has fitted us together in one fellowship. Spend time exploring how your uniqueness builds up the church v7.

- **Spiritual Gifts** there are lists in the NT and here is a questionnaire that will help you explore your gifts: <https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/>
- **Heart**, we have different passions and concerns, what are yours and how are they worked out to build others up?
- **Abilities**, these may be natural talents; drawing, music, football or listening but used for a spiritual purpose. Like all abilities, if they are not used they fade away.
- **Personality**, these are unique. There are many tests you can use, but an easy way is to sit with someone you trust and talk about how you are. A true friend will help you see any blind spots.
- **Experiences**, these may be good or bad but in a remarkable way God can use them for good (Romans 8:28) and to build others up.

Thank God we are all different and ask God for help when we find those differences difficult, ask God to help you live Matthew 25:40

For more on finding your **SHAPE** read the Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren, Jem has some spare copies.