



Hi Lifeway family,

As you would all be aware, this year has presented many challenges in meeting together and naturally this has affected what our Sunday gatherings look like. While we don't place our confidence in or base our decision making on numerical values, we have been wondering and asking the Lord how we can best connect and meet together in a way that serves us all.

Let us take you on a journey – Back in March of this year, Caroline had a dream. In this dream, we were both in bed lying next to each other, but there was a Wombat lying across the top of Caroline. During the dream (throughout the night), the Wombat kept moving to try and find a good position of peaceful rest. In response, Caroline needed to regularly shift her position slightly to help that to happen – to keep the wombat in it's "sweet spot". We believe that part of the meaning of this dream is for us to remain alert and agile to make changes that enable us to continue to meet the needs and mission of Lifeway.

Our heart is to always hold a posture of listening, willingness and obedience, and recently the Lord dropped into Caroline's spirit a vision involving us gathering in a new and fresh way ... which is exciting!! So here comes the exciting news....

From Sunday October 18, we are going to begin meeting in people's homes again – much like the beginning days of Lifeway. The 'service' will continue to be live streamed as it has been since early this year. There will be multiple venues or 'hubs' each week and you are able to choose which one to attend. The gatherings will be facilitated by some of our LIFEgroup leaders. Each hub will view the live stream and will be able to worship and hear the message together and then get involved in some discussion, communion, sharing, and whatever else the Lord wants to do!

Gathering and connecting in the home has always been a part of our Lifeway DNA from our earliest days as a home-based church, to gathering around The Table, LIFEgroups and our girls/guys nights.

This will also mean that Thursday nights will look different as this new Sunday gathering format will combine both the meeting together as well as a Lifegroup style approach. However, we are still wanting to continue with the Table on the first Thursday of each month and it frees up other Thursday nights to allow you to be creative with connecting with those in your world (both those friends who know Jesus and those who don't yet know Him).

We get that this is a bit different to what we've done previously, but we believe it will be a great time of exploration for us as an expression of Jesus' body in this city!

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There are some important details as to how this will work:

- We will publish 'event' details for each Sunday on the Lifeway Facebook group/website/letter (for those not on social media) which will detail where the hubs will be held each week and who will be facilitating them. **Please note that the hubs will not be the same every week, so it's important for you to take note of what is happening.**
- You will need to register (see below for the process) for your preferred Sunday hub **each week** before attending. This is to comply with current Public Health Orders (20 visitors per home), and also to allow those hosting to know how many people to expect and make hosting a manageable experience. If the hub you would like to attend is full, please register for another one, we want to keep this fun and safe for everyone.
- Check the address for the hub you register for! It may not be held at the house of the people facilitating it!
- Come along to your registered Hub for the week. We will live stream the service from 4.00-5.00pm, and then discussion, prayer, communion, sharing etc to follow from 5.00-6.00pm.

How to register:

- Each week the event registration will display the options for different Hubs (we can send this link out via fb group, messenger and text message, or email so please make sure we have your details)
- You click on the link and it will take you to Planning Centre Registrations where you can choose the Hub you'd like to attend that week.

We feel that God is breathing on this way of meeting together – maybe it's for a season, maybe it's longer term – but as we listen to His leading and guiding, and we choose to journey together, we believe that we will be doing what He is asking of US and in the flow of Holy Spirit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us to chat about it. We understand that change is not always easy, and so we are happy to walk it out together.

Much love,

Dave & Corinne