

# SMALL GROUPS

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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**KINGDOM SEEDS: A GROWING RESPONSIBILITY**

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1. What did you find most engaging about Pastor Matt's sermon?
2. If Religion is "the idea that you must obey a set of rules, or do a particular thing, in order to be loved or accepted by God," have there been times when you have found yourself following religion? Share what you have learned on your own journey.
3. Sociologist Robert Bellah's research points to a common belief that freedom is "being left alone by others." Do you think this is true? Is it an underlying belief you have held? Discuss what real freedom is for you.
4. St. Albert Alliance's Prayer Goal #2 is "An increased sense of ownership for one another in relationship, leading to a greater experience of biblical community" ... what can you see that you could simply do to help that goal happen for you or others?
5. Paul outlines 15 kinds of behaviour that come from the flesh... take some time and explore the life of Jesus as recorded in the gospels to see where he modelled a different way to each one of those 15 behaviours.
6. Paul outlines 9 Fruits of the Spirit. Where in the gospels do you see examples of Jesus acting in each one of these ways?

7. Pastor Matt shared three responsibilities that are ours... the first one is to “Carry each other’s burdens.” Have you experienced this? What does it mean for you to be in a place where people know you well enough for this to be possible?
8. The second responsibility is that we are to carry our own loads. Talk about the load you believe Jesus is currently asking you to carry.
9. The third responsibility is to share with those we ask to serve us in the church. Take some time in listening prayer to ask Jesus whether he is inviting you to be responding any differently to how you are currently doing this?
10. Pastor Matt talked about the difference between a family member and a house guest. Are you a member of the St. Albert Alliance Church family? What is it you appreciate about the church? In what way, might Jesus be inviting you to do good to those who belong to the family of believers?