



ALL YOU NEED
TO KNOW ABOUT
PODS

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WHAT IS A POD?

Pods are smaller gatherings or clusters of followers, spiritual family members, who gather together at least once a week, wherever, whenever and however the members of the POD determine best fits the POD members.

The POD can meet more than once if they wish and followers can also be part of other PODS. The ideal number of people in a POD is anywhere between 6-12. The reason for this is to keep the environment personal and highly interactive and the engagement of all people high.

We don't want people hiding in the background and becoming spectators or non participants. Someone who facilitates a POD may want to also be part of another POD which they are not facilitating.





WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF EACH POD?

The purpose of each POD is to be conformed into the image of the Son of God, through the receiving of Jesus Christ, the Word of God, crucifying our hearts and the renewing of our minds.

Romans 8:29-30

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Romans 12: 1-2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

WHAT IS THE OUTCOME FOR EACH PERSON WHO IS IN A POD?

The ability to keep the Great Commandments and walk with others in the discipleship making process of transformation, demonstrating what it is to be a kingdom ambassador.



The POD environment called 'discipleship', the environment Jesus patterned, is the most conducive for the Spirit to do what He has been commissioned to do. The discipleship environment gives the greatest opportunity for what is in the heart that is not of Christ to come forth and be crucified and replaced with a brand new life. It is also the greatest environment for the mind to be renewed by the Spirit and for Truth to define our emotions.

WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH POD?

9 Characteristics of each POD which is a framework.

1. Fellowship- Spiritual oneness only birthed and formed through the revelation of Christ.
2. Family/Spiritual- Who do the “Will of God.”
3. Food
4. Fun
5. Flexibility
6. Freedom = Organic/Holistic LIFE- not a program or Method.
7. Flow
8. Fruitfulness
9. Faith

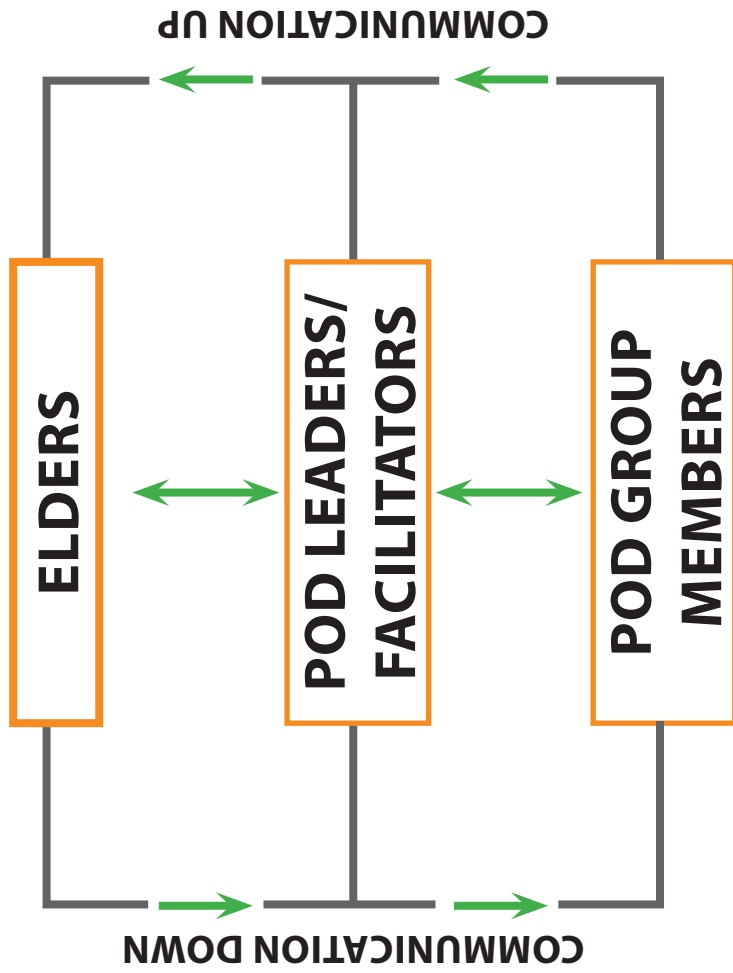
Each POD is to be **VERY INTENTIONAL** with living these 9 characteristics out and each person is to take responsibility and ownership of playing their part in the formulation of this Organic/Holistic LIFE.

The **PURPOSE** or **GOAL** is to enter into and have formed within us an Eternal Life so we can live as Kingdom Ambassadors now, administering and ministering His Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven - This is the **BRIDAL POSITION**. This **ONLY happens through KNOWING HIM**.

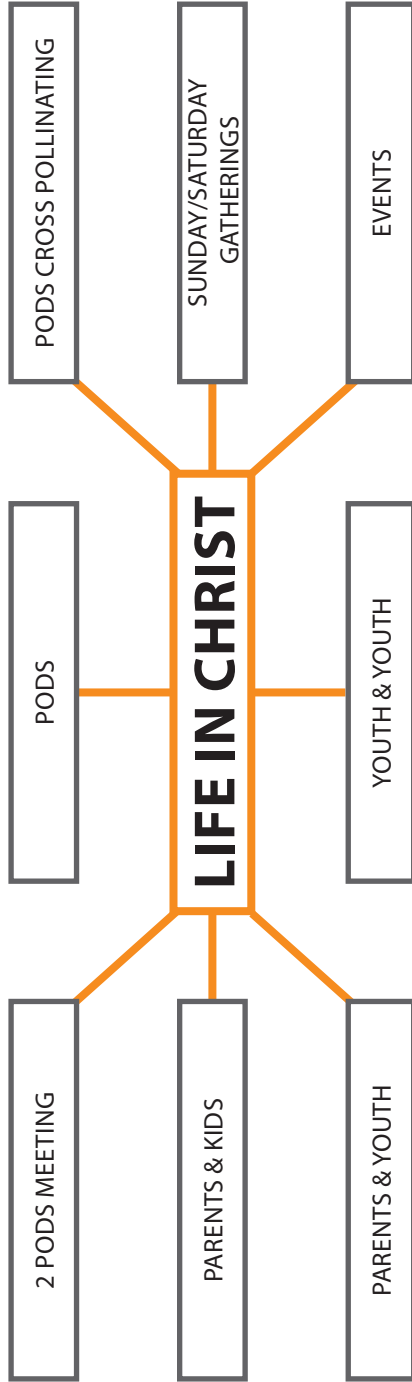
HOW DO I CONNECT WITH A POD?

We have many PODs meeting all around the region, to help you find the POD that is right for you just contact one of our Elders. They will meet with you to answer any questions you have and discuss your needs in regards to a POD such as suitable times and whether you want to be in a POD with children so you're children can also be discipled. You will find our elders contact details listed at the back of this booklet.

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THE ROCK FAMILY DIRECTORY

WHAT IS IT?

The Rock Family Directory is a database or online phonebook if you will, containing the contact details for our Rock Family members.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE FOR IT?

In short for the purpose of building and retaining relationships with the rest of the family. As we will only be gathering corporately every six weeks or so we wanted to make it as simple as possible for the family to remain connected. By giving us all access to this database we can invite anyone in the family to join us for lunch, a BBQ, picnic or whatever. We also have the opportunity to invite family we don't know so well along with those we are walking closely with.

WHO HAS ACCESS TO IT?

The database is run through Elvanto which is our church management software. You have to have an account with Elvanto and be given access to the database. So the only people who will have access to it is our Rock Family.

HOW DO I GET ACCESS TO IT?

The Rock Admin office can give you access after you complete the Rock Directory form (email info@therock.org.nz to get the link to this form). Once you have agreed to have your details shared and agreed to abide by the conditions we have laid out you will be sent an email that will take you through setting up your Elvanto account, and then you will have access to the database. If you do not want your contact details shared that's ok, but it will mean that you won't be given access to the directory.

CAN I CHANGE MY DETAILS?

Once you have access to the directory you will be able to manage your contact details. You can update your phone or email address if you get new ones, you can change your photo. You can also choose which information can be viewed, eg. if you don't want your suburb showing you can remove it.

MORE INFO

If you would like more information about the directory or would like to be added to the directory please email us at info@therock.org.nz.

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