

Getting involved...

Our life together at Barney's is very much growing and evolving at the moment. We are excited about what God's doing. As you join our community and take some time to settle in, here are some ways you can get more involved in our life together:

How does your own life and the life of your family look at the moment, in terms of UP, IN and OUT?

Which dimensions are going well? Which could use a bit of a re-think? Pray about this and chat it over with someone else. Living our own lives the way God intended is a vital first step in contributing to the health, growth and mission of our community at Barney's.

At this stage in our life together, **coming along regularly and being part of our family on Sunday mornings is really important.** As we worship together, pray together, listen to God's word together, and drink coffee together (!), God really does meet with us and speak to us, and help us grow together as his missionary people.

It's hard to feel part of a family if we only spend time together once a week. **Why not invite other people from Barney's round for some food?** Why not arrange to **have a coffee** with someone during the week - or **meet up with someone else** during your lunch break!?

We are called to be God's missionary people - but who in particular are you called to bless? Which group of people is God is calling you to show his love to? Who else do you know who is called to reach the same kinds of people?

Take some time to pray and ask God to speak to you about this - and then share this with some of the leaders and others at Barney's.

As we grow together as a family and as God's missionary people, and as we intentionally invest in our UP, IN and OUT relationships, many of us will discover that **God is leading us and guiding us to create communities with specific mission focuses.** These communities of mission will become the foundation of our life together in the coming years. **Is God calling you to join a missional community? Could you get together with two or three others and start a new missional community?** Could you be used by God to reach and bless retired people, or parents with toddlers? What about refugees, or international students, or university and college students in Launceston? **Who is God calling you to show his love to?**

Why not **explore our website** (see below) and **join our email list.** You can find some great resources and talks on there too, and you can even follow us on Facebook and twitter!!

Lastly, a really important way of following Jesus, and being part of our family is to **give generously** (i.e. around tenth of your income) to the church. It really helps us if you can do this fortnightly or monthly, directly into our bank account:

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Welcome to Barney's

Who we are, and how you can join in!



Welcome...

Hi! Welcome to Barney's. The aim of this brochure is to give a quick overview of Barney's - who we are and what we're up to. If you are reading this, and you are wondering whether to join our community, then keep reading!

As a small community, **we are excited** about what God is doing amongst us, and **we're passionate** about discovering how we can join in with what God is already doing in the world we're part of.



However, **we're not exactly church as you've always known it.** We firmly believe that church exists first and foremost for those who don't come along to our gatherings - **the last, the least and the lost**, real people outside the church, living real lives, with real concerns. Much of what we do is geared around **discipleship, community and mission** - living lives, together, which deliberately **reflect Jesus' love** to those around us.

We do gather on Sundays, we do pray, we do read the bible together and we do sing songs. But we do all these things in really informal, relational ways. We gather to worship Jesus together, to hear stories of what he's doing in our lives, and to encourage each other to keep on being **his missionary people throughout the week.**

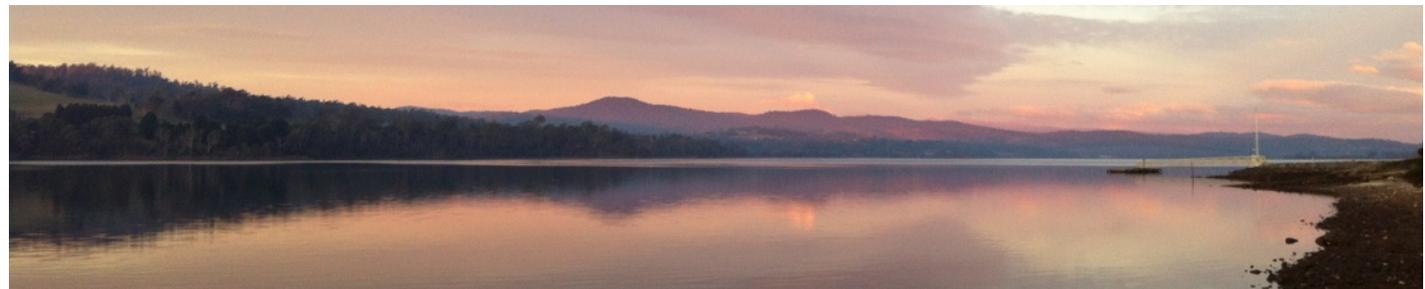
Our Vision...

This is an exciting time in our life as a community of Christians. We are rebuilding and re-gathering around the call to become **'God's Missionary People'**. We are called to be salt and light in the real world, **loving and blessing the last, the least and the lost.**

Our vision is to see **authentic, mission-focused communities of Jesus-followers** established and being multiplied around the **university, in the northern suburbs of Launceston** and out in to the **north and east of Tasmania.**

We firmly believe that church exists to be missional. **God is a missionary God**, who is active and involved in renewing and recreating the world - and **we get to join in.** We are people who are learning just how much God loves us, and who love showing that love to others.

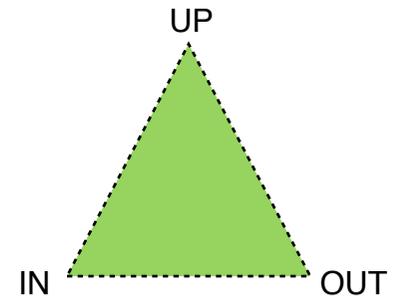
We believe that the **Kingdom of God** can be established well through small communities of people who **love Jesus and love making him known.** We are old people, young people, single people, married people, international people, Tasmanian people, students - and plenty of very little people! And yet **we are all called to be involved** in investing in relationships - with God, with each other, with our local community and with the wider world.



Our life... and our lives

If we want our community at Barney's to be spiritually alive, to be growing and healthy, we each need to be **intentional in living our own lives the way God created us to live them.** We were created to be in relationship with God and with other people, and yet each of us needs to take responsibility for investing in these relationships as well as we can.

God created us to have three kinds of relationships - our relationship with him as our Father and King (UP), our relationship with one another as part of God's family (IN), and our relationship with people in our world who do not know him (OUT). An easy way to remember these relationships is to think of the three corners of a triangle.



If we are to grow as a healthy community of Christians at Barney's, our life together needs to be growing in each of these three dimensions. And yet, for that to truly happen, **each one of us as individuals needs to be investing in and growing in these three kinds of relationships ourselves.**