

# The ABCD's of Community Groups

## *A PLACE FOR EVERY PERSON OF PARKGATE*

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What can a Community Group member expect?  
What is a Community Group all about?

1. **A**ccountability – Members can expect to be held accountable. Accountability is inviting people into your life to challenge you in your priorities and relationships.
2. **B**elonging – Members can expect to be apart of something. A person who has a sense of belonging is someone who feels accepted, connected, and comfortable with a group of people. Members experience authentic community.
  - ❑ Accepted – Members experiences a sense welcome, that they belong (belonging may occur before believing)
  - ❑ Connected – Members need to know they matter and they will be missed if they fail to show up.
  - ❑ Comfortable – Members are free to express their hurts, questions, problems, & joys in a safe and confidential environment.
3. **C**are – Members can expect to be cared for.
  - ❑ Care for those inside - A by-product of members connecting well to each others is that they care for each other. Bill Willits said, “Care is a by-product of authentic community because you naturally care for people you know well.”
  - ❑ Care for those outside – A Community Group will also reach out to others in various ways.
4. **D**isciplineship - Members can expect to study the Christian faith.

