August 2026

EfM MATTERS

Touch Point

What's Happening at EFM

The new Zoom group began in July with 9 people. Five of them are new to EfM, the other four are coming back for more EfM experience.

We are really keen to get more Zoom groups running in February. Please look at the congregation in your church and ask yourself who among them would enjoy EfM just like you did? Why not share this newsletter with them.

The five people doing Wide Angle are really enthusiastic about it. Why not sign up to do it in 2027. Just email Mike or complete the form at https://efm.org.nz/index.php/about-efm/join-a-group/.

We have Mentor training in Carterton on 9 and 10 October. See page 3

EFM Snippets

EFM is not about finding answers, it's about finding out how to ask better questions.

— Richard Brewer

Spotlight

Tell Us Your Story

People are drawn to EfM by hearing of others' experience.

Quick Updates

See Penny's story on Instagram

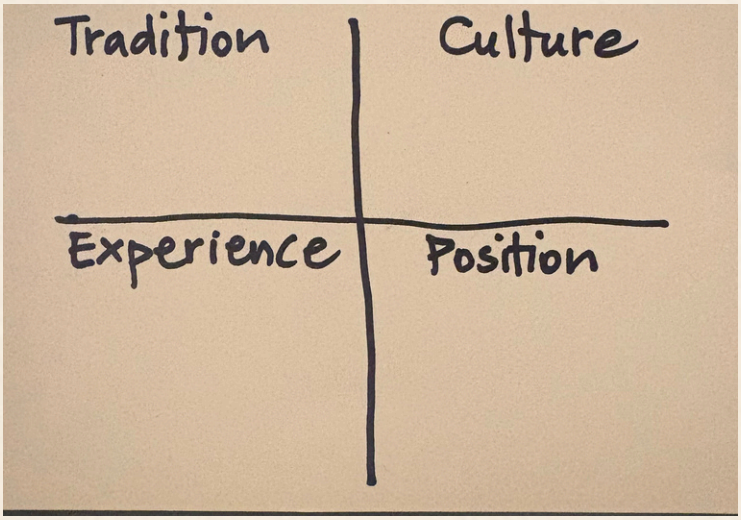
Event: Mentor Training 9 & 10 October in Carterton

Trainer's Corner

A Group Exercise

This is an exercise to practice familiarity with the four sources.

Spread out some newsprint on the table that the group is seated around, and supply plenty of pens for people to choose from. Having decided what the TR focus is, invite everyone to draw their own plus shaped grid in front of them and label the four sources.



Invite people to add words or phrases to their own grid whenever they hear them, or think of them.

Explore the world of the focus, and then guide the conversation in the group into making connections with the different sources.

When it is time to work on the apply section, take a moment for everyone to look at their own grid, and choose an action that expresses what God is saying to them through the reflection.

A Waikato Pilgrimage

Friends of Te Papa have a 3 day pilgrimage to sites in Waikato led by Sir David Moxon. September 25-27 2026. You can find more details here: https://www.friendsoftepapa.org.nz/events/a-waikato-pilgrimage

Feature Article

Tell Us Your Story

Today we have 4 EfM groups. One meets together in Wellington, another is a hybrid with one person in Auckland linking with the others in a room in Wellington by Zoom. Two groups meet online using Zoom. In 2027 we want to have 6 groups.

The most effective way of recruiting new members is word of mouth - those who have done EfM telling others about it.

But we also want to reach new groups of people. For that we are planning a campaign using social media.

As a person who has done EfM you will have lots of things you could share.

There are two ways you could tell your story.

- A video of about 30 seconds sharing your experiences of EfM. 30 seconds is very short so you may well be able to do a few. Just think about what you want to say. Jot a few notes then take your phone and record yourself saying it. Vidoe is probably too big to email so use wetransfer.com to send it to educationforministry@outlook.com

- A paragraph of text about your experiences of EfM. If you could give us a photo to accompany it that would be even better.

Pause & Reflect

- **Does Power Always Corrupt?**

Luke Bretherton wrote the book on Ethics used in year 4. In this 13 minute video Bretherton explores what Jesus had to say about power.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3q7lxIpDNJQ

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"Exploring Faith Matters"

Join a group!

Community Spotlight

Mentor Training

This year mentor training will be held in Carterton on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 October.

On Friday the training will commence at 1pm and run through the evening. On Saturday training will start at 9am and finish at 5pm. 3 hours online must be done in advance. This will be available about 7 September.

If you are interested in attending, email Michael, The Administrator educationforministrynz@outlook.com or complete the registration form.

Registration closes 18 September.

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

— St Francis of Assis