# Mental Wellbeing Series

Session 1: An introduction to mental health and wellbeing. Session 2: How we feel Session 3: What we do Session 4: What we think Session 5: What about church?



This is a series of five sessions for Connect Groups. It's been designed to help us take a look at our mental health and wellbeing, exploring how our current knowledge of psychology fits with faith in God and with our experience of life. We hope that it will give you a chance to reflect and start some good discussions.

Each session will introduce some practical strategies you can use to look after your mental health. We're all different, so some things will work for you, others might not, and that's ok. The idea is to give you a toolkit of resources, and you can pick out the things that you think will be helpful, try them out, and see what helps.

#### **Sources of Support**

If you are struggling with your mental health, please get professional help.

- We recommend talking to your GP.
- Students can also access support via University Student Support Services
- If you need immediate help and are unable to see a GP, you should go to A&E.

Here are some other useful contact numbers:







Helpline 0300 123 3393 www.mind.org.uk



24/7 text service Text SHOUT to 85258 www.giveusashout.org



# SAMARITANS

24/7 helpline 116 123 jo@samaritans.org www.samaritans.org

Under 35s helpline

www.papyrus-uk.org

0800 068 4141







Helpline & 24/7 text service 0808 189 5260 Text STUDENT to 85258 www.studentspace.org.uk

24/7 text service Text YM to 85258 www.youngminds.org.uk

### Useful resources & information

These are good starting points if you would like to find out more about mental health and wellbeing. Some are from a Christian perspective, others provide general information & support.



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Mental Health Ministries

#### **Mind and Soul Foundation**

Information and resources on Christian faith, mental health and wellbeing. *www.mindandsoulfoundation.org* 

#### **Mental Health Access Pack**

Resources for churches about mental health problems, produced by Livability, Mind and Soul Foundation, and Premier Life. *www.mentalhealthaccesspack.org* 

#### Sanctuary Mental Health

Resources on mental health and wellbeing, from a Christian perspective. www.sanctuarymentalhealth.org/uk

#### **NHS Every Mind Matters**

Expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing. *www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters* 

## Mind

Information and advice about mental health problems. www.mind.org.uk

#### Books



God's Plan for Your Wellbeing Dave Smith 50 days of reflections on wellbeing



The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry John Mark Comer (also the podcast "Fight Hustle, End Hurry" with John Mark Comer and Jefferson Bethke)



**The Worry Book** Will van der Hart & Rob Waller



**Emotionally Healthy Spirituality** Peter Scazzero



The Stuff of Life Rob Waller, Will van der Hart & Kate Middleton A short book on mental health and wellbeing for students and young people



Bouncing Forwards & Honesty Over Silence Patrick Regan







How to Stay Calm in a Global Pandemic Free ebook: www.tinyurl.com/emmahepburn A Toolkit for Modern Life & A Toolkit for Happiness Emma Hepburn