

WELCOME TO THE CITY

Mahabba's online community area. Before you continue, please take some time to read the following posting guidelines. These are designed to enhance your community experience and should give you a flavour of life on The City.

- 1 Consider the impact of what you write**
- 2 Be respectful** - Mahabba is a thoughtful and prayerful community that encourages free expression and values civil debate. It is acceptable to disagree or have different perspectives. If you disagree with others, do so with civility. Be on guard against actions and discussions that could harm the interests of our community
- 3 Be prayerful** - as we live, and move and have our being in God we need to seek God's wisdom as we compose and as we send our messages
- 4 Promote topics that lead to reflection and conversation** - be mindful to not close down conversations with our language and tone
- 5 Promote family** - it's hard for people to connect with aliases or anonymous users. Please include your real name and brief personal details in the about section. Authenticity and transparency are driving forces behind social media
- 6 Value difference** - acknowledge that God is sovereign and we are all made in God's image. The prophetic word can appear to offend but may also be the start of new insights into God's word
- 7 Confidentiality** - remember: Is this story mine to share? If in doubt, don't
- 8 Be mindful of your own security** - don't overshare personal information. Never publish detailed personal information such as your address or telephone number, unless in a private message to someone you know and trust. A degree of anonymity in your profile is acceptable, given there are some involved with sensitive ministries
- 9 Be smart** - in some groups a post is visible to a wide audience, and can be shared by others in ways that you cannot control. Remember that what you write is public, and will remain public for a very long time (perhaps permanently)
- 10 Stay within the legal framework** - while sharing thoughts and reflections with friends or followers via social media can seem personal and private, it is not. By law, if one or more people can access it, content is classed as published, in the public domain and subject to legislation around libel, defamation, copyright and data protection

If you wouldn't say something in a public meeting or to someone's face or write it in a newspaper or on headed paper – don't say it online