

Discipleship Tip

"What lives grows" - Ps Phil Pringle.

2 Cor 3:6. In the Bible, we see that when the Spirit came upon people, they were equipped. We need the Holy Spirit power on us to transform people's lives.

Connect Group Notes

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Ps Chris Pringle

Back to Basics!

John 1:14 (MSG). "The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish."

Jesus is invisible, but we are not. He can't been seen, but He can be seen in you and I. Every day there is an opportunity for us to reach out. Just be interested in people.

We need to "get back to basics" and actually reach out to the beautiful people of Sydney. The Jesus way is face to face, person to person, personal touch, real life encounters. Witnessing should come naturally. It's Jesus in us and the life we live is the witness.

It's about people. Jesus loved people and He called them by name. He loved people, all kinds of people without prejudice, without distinction. He embraced humanity in His everyday life.

John 1:14 (MSG). We are "little units of the word made flesh and blood"... moving into OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS! We are the good new guys and girls. We are optimistic, we believe in people, we care for people, we take time. We don't look at the outside person.

If God knew that we would embrace the lost of the city and we would embrace humanity as Jesus did, we would see Sydney as a city for Christ. Someone somewhere is waiting to see the real Jesus through you and me, through the interest in your voice and the care in your heart. Extend the big hug to everyone you meet because you never know who you reaching.

We are the people in the neighbourhood who are to keep an eye on the people in our neighbourhood. We are the ones to check up on the neighbour across the street, the work colleague.

It's time for us to stop and to look and to listen just as Jesus did. For example, Jesus and Zacchaeus in **Luke 19:1-10 (MSG)**. Jesus saw the hunger that was in the heart of Zacchaeus to meet Him. Jesus saw Zacchaeus as a friend. He saw him as someone who He wanted to have in His life. He liked him! Jesus liked sinners!

It's time for us to love as Jesus loved. If you are willing and open, someone is on the way to your well to drink. For example, the woman at the well in **John 4:4-42 (MSG)**. Jesus was just living His daily life and she comes along. He just talked normally to her. As He was talking to her, He had a word of knowledge for her life. He just loved her and led her to the well of salvation.

This is what we are to do. As we let Jesus be the love inside our heart, people will say, "Come and see" about our lives. This is real love!

"Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." **John 4:35 (MSG)**.

TALK ABOUT

- Who do you know in your 'neighbourhood' who might need reaching out to? (A friend, a family member, a neighbour, a work colleague).
- What can stop us from reaching out personally?
- What can you do to reach out personally to the people you have identified?
- Pray for the people we are going to reach out to, that they would know the real Jesus in us.

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EveryWoman One

The first EveryWoman night for all 3 campuses is coming up on Thursday 4th March at 7.30pm! This year the EveryWoman nights will be on the same night at each campus, just with a different speaker. The Oxford Falls Campus will be hearing from Ps Chris Pringle, the City Campus from Ps Kirrily Lowe and the Silverwater Campus from Ps Natalie Taylor. There will be supper after the meeting at all three campuses. Make sure you grab a card from the Concierge Desk and invite the all women you know!

Connect Leader Training

Please remember that Connect Leader Training is coming up at the Oxford Falls Campus on Sunday 7th March and on Tuesday 9th March. Training starts on Sunday at 11am or Tuesday at 7.30pm, both held in the Glasshouse and only 2 hours long. And don't forget, its free of charge! Please send your assistant leaders and any up and coming leaders to the training for them to be equipped to run a connect group. Its also a great refresher for all connect group leaders.