

FURTHER UP AND FURTHER IN

Sent Out – Reflections

Re-cap:

- Have you changed anything about your daily Bible reading?
- Have you thought further about what learning from others means and what you can offer to others in church?
- When can you put 15-20 minutes in the diary this week to look over the **Centred on Jesus, Generous Welcome, and Sent Out** reflection sheets?

Jesus fulfils us:

- The Good News of Jesus transforms our:
 - Guilt into Forgiveness (Justice).
 - Shame into Honour.
 - Fear into Power.
 - Indifference into Belonging with Purpose.
- Which one of the above has been changed most in your life?
- What are you looking for? How does Jesus fulfil your needs and desires?
- What are the people you know well looking for?
 - How could you find out?
 - What do they speak about and spend time doing?
 - How might Jesus fulfil those needs and desires?

Enthusiasm for Jesus:

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realised that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. (Acts 4:13).

- What is the best thing about following Jesus?
- Do we have a sense of urgency in how we talk about Jesus?
- Do we think it is important that others come to know Jesus?
- Do other people 'take note that you have been with Jesus'?

A few quotes...

Read and reflect on these quotes – what strikes you about them? Do you agree or disagree? Why?

- Man is one of your creatures, Lord, and his instinct is to praise you...But still, since he is a part of your creation, he wishes to praise you. The thought of you stirs him so deeply that he cannot be content unless he praises you, because you made us for yourself and our hearts find no peace until they rest in you.
 - Augustine; Confessions
- It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, as that God has a church for his mission in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission – God's mission.
 - Wright; The Mission of God's People.

Next steps:

We invite you this year to **pray for specific people you know to come to know Jesus.**

- List 1 / 3 / 5 friends below who you want to know Jesus:
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- Have a look at the resources on a separate sheet. Think about how you can **pray, serve, own up, and invite.**
- Do you share Jesus more in your words or your actions? How can you grow in both areas (especially your weakest area) over 2022?
- Try rehearsing your story of God at work in your life. List some little moments of how God has been at work and try sharing a simple testimony in 30s with someone.