

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Stronger in Mission 2 – Right Expectations

- 1) Do you tend to be overly pessimistic or overly optimistic about evangelism? Why?

- 2) Read **Mark 4v1-20**. How has Rich's message changed your thinking about sharing your faith?

- 3) a) Read **Timothy 2v3-4**.
 - i) What does this say is God's desire for every person?

 - ii) What has God done because of this desire?

 - iii) Why do you think God's desire for everyone is fulfilled?

- b) Read **John 3v16-21**
 - i) Why does this say that people need to hear the message of Jesus?

 - ii) Why does it say people reject the message and stay 'in darkness'?

 - iii) Do you think this is an issue of belief or of consequences?

- c) Read **Acts 17v30-34**
 - i) What aspects of the gospel does Paul emphasise here?

 - ii) In what ways did his hearers respond?

 - iii) For those who rejected his message, was it an issue of belief or of consequence?

 - iv) What issues of belief or consequences do you struggle with?

d) Read 1 Corinthians 3v5-9

i) What is our responsibility in evangelism?

ii) What is God's responsibility?

iii) How faithful are you at playing your part?

e) Take some time to pray about how you can respond to what you've studied in these passages.

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **John 6v53-70**.

a) Which types of 'soil' can you identify in this passage?

b) Why did many people stop following Jesus? Do you think this was an issue of belief or consequence? Why?

c) Why did Peter and the 12 disciples decide to stay with Jesus?

d) What 'behind the scenes' reasons does this passage give for why different people respond differently to Jesus?

e) What issues of belief or consequences do you struggle with and how could you address these issues?

Read **John 12v37-46**

f) What types of 'soil' can you identify in this passage?

g) What issues of belief or consequences are in this passage?

h) Why do you think John quotes the two passages from Isaiah?

i) In what way do you think Isaiah 'Saw Jesus' Glory'?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Please continue to pray for the **Alpha Course**. The first week was good although not everyone was able to make it. Pray for an increase in numbers, for friendships to grow and for people to return each week.

King's Tots is every Friday during term time. Please pray for Liz, Lally and the team as they work hard each week to run this activity. Please pray for opportunity to build friendships with the families that come along and for opportunity to invite to church events coming up over Christmas.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

The next **Parenting Course** starts on **Wednesday 6th November, 7.45pm**. For more information and to book a place please speak to Al.

The '**Becoming a Contagious Christian**' course has started at small groups this week. Please make every effort to get to group over the next few weeks as this promises to be an exciting and valuable time. If you are not currently in a small group, please speak to one of the Elders and they can help you find the right group.