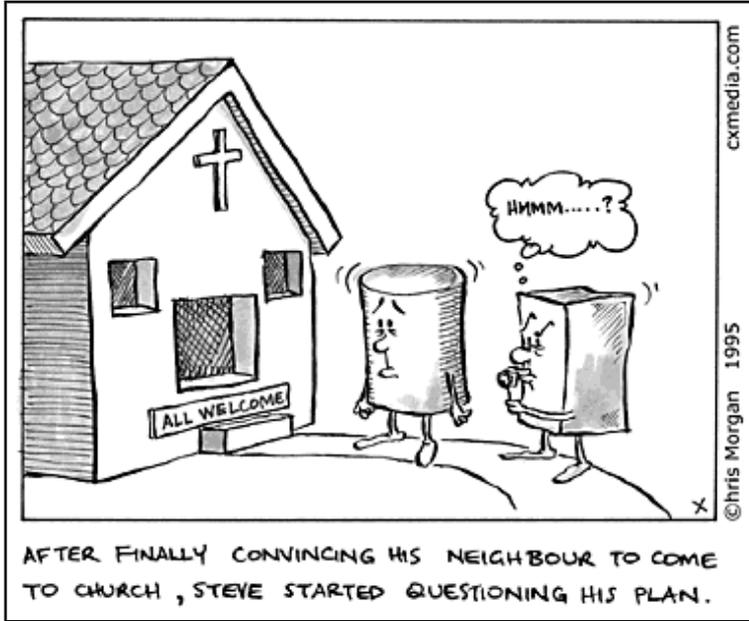


"BroadCast"

A Group Bible Study and Discussion
Guide on Sharing our Faith.



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EVANGELISM



LIVING WATER
POURED OUT
ON A THIRSTING
WORLD



Introduction:



Witnessing. Evangelism. Mission. Sharing our Faith. Discipling. Telling others....

Whatever word or phrase we use to describe the process of telling others about our Christian faith, the truth is that we often feel overwhelmed and fearful about it.

Look at the pictures on the left and below and discuss how they describe the feelings, truths *and* misconceptions we have about evangelism.

In this short course we're going to look at what is involved in sharing our faith.

1. Why do we do it?
2. What's the message and how far does it go?
3. What tools do we have?
4. How did Jesus do it?

The title of the course is "BroadCast". It comes from a practice that Jesus describes in the parable of the seed and the sower, where the sower (the farmer) *casts* the seed *broadly*, because he is convinced of its efficacy. He lets the seed land on the path, the rocky ground, thorny and good soil, because wherever the seed may grow, there is a chance of it bearing good fruit.

This course is designed to be more practical than theoretical. It is not a programme or a recipe, but rather a mindset that we want to develop. Everyone in the group will have insights and life-experiences to share and so group members are encouraged to discuss broadly – many of the questions are open-ended with no clear right or wrong answers.

All of us know that the final instructions left by Jesus were that we should go into the world and tell others. We also know the great peace, joy and contentment that we have found in our faith. Sharing this contentment and doing what Jesus asked us to do seems obvious, but we struggle...

Our prayer is that this course will encourage and help you to BroadCast the wonderful message of God's love.



1. Why do we do it?

“Because giving your heart to Jesus, is also about discovering God's heart for the world.”

Introduction

Why do we need to share our faith? Why is it necessary to tell others? When society has made faith both personal and optional, why do we stick our necks out?

There are four key reasons:

1. Because God's heart is for the world.
2. Because God's love grabs our hearts.
3. Because people need what we have found.
4. Because God asks us to do it.

1. Because God's heart is for the world.

In the late 1980's a South African Theologian by the name of David Bosch, stunned the academic world when his book “Transforming Mission” reshaped our view of ministry and mission through a paradigm shift that moved away from the age old picture of God sitting in heaven and sending us out into the world to a picture of God already and always being busy in the world and inviting us to join Him. This concept is called the “Missio Dei” - the Mission of God - and, when one thinks about it for a moment, rings true.

God is always proactively reaching out to His creation.

- He walks in the garden looking for Adam and Eve.
- He seeks out Cain even before he slays Abel.
- He calls Abraham out of Ur
- Moses is called at the burning bush because God has “seen” and “heard” the cries of the Israelites in Egypt – He is already there!

God is on a mission to rescue the world.

1. What do the following verses reveal about God's heart? (Deal with each passage individually.)

(Background: Jonah is sitting in the desert waiting for God to rain down judgment on the heathen Ninevites.)

Jonah 4:10-11 But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

Ephesians 3:17-19 And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Matthew 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.

Isaiah 49:15-16 Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! ¹⁶ See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.

Acts 17:26-27 From one person he made every nation, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

2. Discuss the following statement: "As missionaries have gone out into the farthest corners of the world, they have repeatedly discovered that there are events that have prepared the way for them or elements in the culture of the people that they are reaching that provide "hooks" to hang the gospel on. This has led to the conclusion that God is already in the Mission Fields He calls us to."

2. Because it has grabbed our heart.

The second reason for sharing the gospel is that there is desire to do it. It's in the DNA of a healthy Christian to share God's love and glory.

3. What are the "heart-issues" we see at work in the passages below?

Jeremiah 20:9 But if I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

2 Corinthians 5:14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

Paul and his companions (and the Corinthians by implication) are "compelled" by the idea of God's love. The Greek word for "compelled" is interesting - it can be roughly translated as being "in the grip of". If we look at this word's occurrences in the New Testament then it makes sense:

- Peter's mother-in-law is "in the grip of" a fever. (Lk4:38)
- The crowds are "in the grip" of various diseases and pains (Mt4:24)
- The people of the Gerasenes are "in the grip" of great fear when Jesus drives the demons into the pigs. (Luke 8:37)
- Jesus is "in the grip" a large crowd when the bleeding woman touches the hem of His garment. (Luke 8:45)
- Jerusalem will be "in the grip" of those who will besiege it. (Luke 19:43)
- Jesus was "in the grip" of the soldiers who were mocking and beating Him (Luke 22:63)

4. What aspect of God's love has "compelled" Paul so?

3. Because people need what we have found.

5. What is it that "moves one to action" in each of these passages?

Mark 6:34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

Acts 17:22-23 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: *TO AN UNKNOWN GOD*. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

(Background: Samaria has been under siege for months. People are starving and the massive Aramean army are camped outside the city) 2Kings 7:3-9 Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate.

They said to each other, "Why stay here until we die? ⁴ If we say, 'We'll go into the city'--the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let's go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die."

⁵ At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the Arameans. When they reached the edge of the camp, not a man was there, ⁶ for the Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army, so that they said to one another, "Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!" ⁷ So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives.

⁸ The men who had leprosy reached the edge of the camp and entered one of the tents. They ate and drank, and carried away silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them. They returned and entered another tent and took some things from it and hid them also.

⁹ Then they said to each other, "We're not doing right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let's go at once and report this to the royal palace."

4. Because we are asked to do it.

6. What stands out to you in the following passage?

Matthew 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Conclusion:

7. Please review the four reasons we have for sharing our faith.

8. Please discuss the following three statements:

1. "It is not the church of God that has a mission in the world but the God of mission who has a church in the world."
2. "Mission is finding out what God is doing and joining in."
3. "Because giving your heart to Jesus, is also about discovering God's heart for the world."

9. Discuss: "The idea that the Mission is God's and that He's already at work and that we are simply joining Him is a great comfort."

2. What's the message and how far does it go?

What is the message that we must share and live?

Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God.

Look at how He began His public ministry:

(Mark 1:14-18) After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

1. What is the other phrase that Jesus uses for the Kingdom and what response is needed to His message?

2. What are those who become part of His Kingdom called to do?

Jesus announced a Kingdom, called people in to it and asked them announce this Kingdom to others.

We're going to look at four aspects of the Kingdom:

Its King, its Price, its Citizens and its Reach

The Kingdom's King.

When God called Israel through Abraham and later through Moses, Israel was a theocracy (God was their leader) but the people wanted a Monarchy (a human king). After very few good kings and many many bad kings Israel started to long for God's Kingdom instead of their bad kings.

The next reading is from Psalm 72. It was an "Enthronement Psalm" and was sung at the coronation of an earthly king in Israel – but you can clearly discern the longing for a Heavenly King.

(Psalm 72:1-7 & 12-14) Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

² He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.

³ The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

⁴ He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.

⁵ He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

⁶ He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.

⁷ In his days the righteous will flourish;
prosperity will abound till the moon is no more...

¹² For he will deliver the needy who cry out,
the afflicted who have no one to help.

¹³ He will take pity on the weak and the needy
and save the needy from death.

¹⁴ He will rescue them from oppression and violence,
for precious is their blood in his sight.

3. In what phrases can you discern the overtones of longing for a more perfect king in this passage?

4. How does Jesus reveal the Kingdom's King in the following passages?
(Deal with them one at a time...)

(John 3:16-18) "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

(John 4:21-24) Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

(Luke 15:20-24) So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

The Kingdom's Price.

5. How did God re-establish His Kingdom on earth? What did it take to bring broken earthly kingdoms and people back to Him?

(2 Corinthians 5:14,17-21) For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died... ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting our sins against us. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

(1 John 4:7-10) Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

(1 Peter 1:18) For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

The Kingdom's Citizens

Who are the Kingdom's Citizens? Who has access to the Kingdom?

6. Who, according to each of the following passages, has access to the Kingdom and what is required of them?

(1 Timothy 2:3-6) [Intercessory prayer] is good and pleasing to God our Saviour, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and humankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people--the testimony given in its proper time.

(Acts 2:37) When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call."

(1Corinthians 15:1-2) Now, brothers and sisters I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

(Acts 16:30-33) [The Jailer] then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized.

(Acts 11:23) When he (Barnabas) arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts

(Matthew 16:24-25) Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.

The Kingdom's Reach.

Jesus came to establish a Kingdom. The Triune God is the King of the Kingdom. The Kingdom came at great cost.

This is the Kingdom's Prayer:

Matthew 6:9-10 Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

7. If we know what the Father is like and what He has done for us, then discuss your thoughts about whether the Kingdom includes the following:

- People giving their hearts to Jesus.
- The hungry being fed and the naked clothed (Poverty Alleviation)
- People being protected and set free from injustice (Social Justice)
- Care for the Environment?
- Other: _____

3. What tools do we have?

Quick recap:

Study 1: ***Because giving your heart to Jesus, is also about discovering God's heart for the world.***

- The "Missio Dei" reminds us that God is already at work in the world.
- Sharing our faith comes naturally when we clear out doubts and fears.
- There is a great *need* for our message and God works in those needs.

Study 2: ***Jesus' message is all about a Kingdom which we make real when we live for Him.***

- The Kingdom's King is the King of Love.
- The Kingdom came at great cost – the life of the King's Son.
- The Kingdom consists of those who have received Him.
- The Kingdom has a significant reach – it's wherever people live for Him.

Now, in study 3 we're going to be more practical.

If we are "BroadCasters" of the Good News, what are the tools we have available? We'll look at five: The Gospel, the Holy Spirit, our life space, our fruit and prayer.

1. The Gospel (The Sower's Seed)

The better the seed, the better chance there is of healthy growth. Our seed is the Message, the Gospel, the Good News. It's what we say when people ask us why we go to church, what we believe, how we cope and what Christianity is all about. Here's how Paul describes the seed:

(Romans 1:16-17) I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

1. Seeds seem so small, but how does Paul describe the Gospel's seeds?
2. What fruit can these seeds bear?
3. Where can these seeds grow?
4. What's the best soil condition for the seeds?

But what do we *say*? When it comes to sharing our faith, we can trot out pre-prepared definitions, but it's often better to put it in our own words.

5. In groups of 3-4 go over last week's session: (Use 20 min to discuss)
"The Kingdom's Price" (2Cor5:14,17-21 ; 1Joh4:7-10; 1Pet1:18)
"The Kingdom's citizens" (1Tim2:3-6; Acts2:37; 16:30-33; 1Cor15:1-2)
Identify the key elements and key responses of the message.
Jot these down and share how you might talk about this.

Key Elements of the Gospel Message:

Key Responses needed for the Gospel message:

How might we communicate these?

2. The Holy Spirit (Soil Preparer)

The Holy Spirit is the one who prepares our hearts and helps the message to land in fertile soil.

6. What is the the work of the Holy Spirit in these verses?

(1 Corinthians 12:3) Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

(Acts 2:37) When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

(John 14:25-27) "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

(John 16:7-15) But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰ in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

7. How might we expect to see God's Spirit at work in our lives in the area of seed sowing?

8. The other area that the Holy Spirit works is in the area of Providence.

He makes sure that the right things happen at the right time. e.g.

- Ruth *happens* to land up in Boaz's field... (Ruth 2)

- Philip *happens* to be on the road when the Ethiopian passes. (Acts 8)

- Paul *happens* to find an altar to an "unknown God" (Acts 17)

Would it be valid to ask God to open up opportunities to do Kingdom work?

3. The Sower's Space

If we live our lives as "Thy Kingdom come" people, then the King has Dominion in our lives. Our God is the God of Missio Dei and if He's King of our lives then we can expect that He'll be at work in our "fields."

9. What parts of his life does Paul open up to the Corinthians?

(2Corinthians 6:3-11) We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. ⁴ Rather, as servants of God we

commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; ⁶ in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; ⁷ in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; ⁸ through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; ⁹ known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. ¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you.

10. How might we open up our lives for others?

4. The Sower's Fruit.

11. Our lives bear fruit. People will evaluate the seed by the fruit that it produces. What do the verses below have to teach us?

(Matthew 7:16-17) By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

(John 15:4) Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

(Galatians 5:22-23) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

12. Discuss the following: "You are the only Bible some people will read – if they don't like what is on the cover, they won't even open it."

5. Prayer (The water and fertilizer)

13. Discuss the role that prayer plays in this verse.

Colossians 4:3-4 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

Conclusion

14. Review the five "tools" that we have for the task of Broad-Casting. Which ones have been a comfort and which ones need some work?

4. How did Jesus do it?

Re-cap:

- 1: Why do we do it? *Because giving your heart to Jesus, is also about discovering God's heart for the world.*
- 2: What's the message? *Jesus' message is all about a Kingdom which we make real when we live for Him.*
- 3: What tools do we have? *We have an awesome story to tell by using the canvas of our lives and the fruit we bear as the Holy Spirit prepares the soil and prayer opens doors.*

Jesus: - Missio Dei demonstrated

If the God of love is at work in the world and if God's heart is for the world, then Jesus exemplified this in His coming to earth, in the things He did and said and in the ways He treated people.

1. His coming to earth - The Incarnation

(John 1:10-18(Selected)) He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.... ¹⁶ From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

1. What is nonsensical about the journey John describes in v.10-11?
2. What human responses are possible options in v.10-13?
3. John uses the Greek word for "made His dwelling" 5 times: Once here in this chapter and then four times in Revelation where he uses it to describe the privilege of dwelling with God in heaven. Commentators have advanced the idea that this word is suggestive of the Old Testament feast of Tabernacles where the Israelites built "booths" out of branches and leaves to remember their time in the desert where they moved from place to place and set up tents to stay in. In the light of this background, what kind of dwelling would we expect to be talking about and what kind of dwelling actually happened?

How He felt and how He showed it.

4. Discuss the following examples of how Jesus loved people in attitude and action. Share any other examples you can think of.

- He felt compelled to go *through* Samaria when other Jews would go the long way around. (Jn4:4)
- He connects with the woman at the well although He is tired. (Jn.4:4)
- He weeps over Jerusalem and over Lazarus (Lk.19:41; Jn.11:35)
- He takes half His Resurrection day with two unknown disciples (Lk.24)
- He compassionately touches a leper, making Himself unclean (Mk.1:41)
- He felt compassion for the shepherdless sheep (Mt.9:36)
- He embraced children (Mk.10:16)
- He assured Peter that He would pray for him in his denials (Lk22:32)
- He forgave those who crucified Him (Lk.23:34)

His Dealing with People.

Look at how Jesus interacts with the following people:

- A Pharisee, set in his ways, who had been promoted to be a member of the ruling council, for whom rules and regulations were everything.
 - A woman whose husbands had repeatedly divorced her and now her current man wouldn't even marry her. She goes to fetch water from the well in the heat of the day because no-one else will be there.
 - An enthusiastic young man who is earnest about following Jesus, who has a good track record and who rabbis would have fought over to have him as their disciple. Did we mention he was also rich?
 - A successful business man who has made his money from extortion and dishonesty. He is a short-man and it seems he suffered an inferiority complex and compensated for it by becoming powerful and ruthless...
5. As you look through the following passages look carefully at how Jesus treats each person uniquely.

(John 3:3-8) In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." ⁴ "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" ⁵ Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked....

(John 4:4-26) Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" ¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." ¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." ...

²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." ²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." ²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

(Mark 10:17-22) As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good--except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." ²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

(Luke 19:2-10) A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. ⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'" ⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost."

Conclusion.

We've talked about Broadcasting our faith.

We answered the "Why" question by realising that we're just joining in what God is already doing and that sharing our faith is actually something that comes naturally.

We answered the "What" question by looking at the powerful message that we have to share. It is not only a been-there-done-that salvation recipe, but a message of the Kingdom and its good King who paid a great price that we could be part of His family. When we do what the King wants, His Kingdom comes and where the Kingdom comes, good things happen because the King is Good.

We answered the "How" question in two parts. Firstly we looked at the tools we have to share our faith: The power of the message, the preparatory work of the Spirit, the parts of our lives that connect to others, the fruit of our lives and the power of prayer that opens doors." In the second part we looked at Jesus and discovered that He showed love in an amazing way, attentive to unique circumstances and personalities.

6. Please discuss the following statements:

- Sharing our faith can be rescuing people from oppression.
- Revealing God to people is about showing love.
- The story of God's love is so amazing – we can be proud of it.
- The idea of the Kingdom is very important in evangelism.

7. Please conclude by sharing:

- Which parts of this course were meaningful and helpful to you.
- How your thoughts about sharing your faith have changed.