

Good News people

Welcome - to 'Good News People'

Thank you for making mission enough of a priority to consider using this resource.

The aim of 'Good News People' is not to get you to do mission for a month or even two months and then settle back into 'normal' Christian living. **It is instead designed to be something that helps to change your personal outlook on life.** I've heard it said that ideally Weightwatchers and Slimming World are not about going on a diet (for a month, two months... or even 6 months!!!) but rather about helping people to change their day-to-day eating habits for the rest of their life. Similarly, 'Good News People' is designed not to help you tick another 'box' on your Christian journey and move on to the next thing. The aim of 'Good News People' is to help you to begin to see things (and people) differently and do things differently as you reflect upon God and on his mission to the world he made and loves. As God speaks to you and your thinking is changed, my prayer is that you and I will also learn to act differently.

As the book of James says:

...Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror.

You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.

But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

James 1:22-25 (NLT)

By God's grace this will be a 'journey' of:

- ❖ listening to his word
- ❖ discovering or maybe re-discovering that the God who created and loves the world and its people is a missionary God who is always reaching out to them
- ❖ getting a clearer understanding of how that God wants his children to live too
- ❖ and allowing this to shape the way we live – learning to see people through the eyes of Jesus, learning to respond to them as Jesus would have done, accepting opportunities to show and share the reality of God's love, in all our relationships

Please be prepared to 'hear' God's voice in new and fresh ways – and allow God's word to shape who you are and how you choose to live.

As the apostle Paul put it:

'We have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view...

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.

For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us.

We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

2 Corinthians 5:16-20 (NLT)