

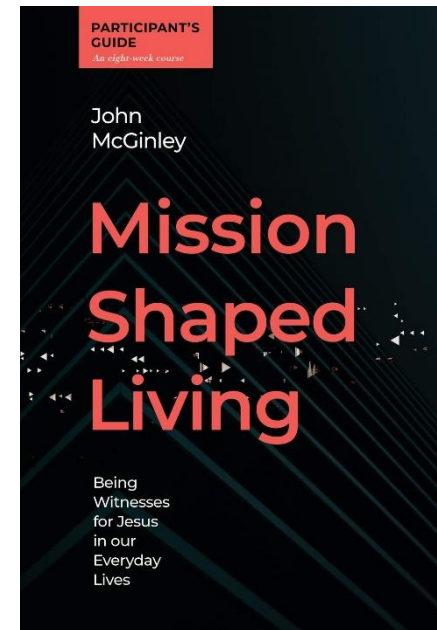
Mission Shaped Living

Session 5:
Connecting

What most stayed with you or surprised you from last week's session?

Put your comment in chat...

Any good stories from sending your text or praying for someone?



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Luke 15:1-7 (p59)

- The good shepherd isn't passive and just 'let it happen', he actively goes to find the lost
- Compelled by love & compassion

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Finding the 'God prepared people' / 'people of peace' (Luke 10:1-11)

- What are the different responses that Jesus warned the disciples people would have?
- How did he tell them to respond to each?

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- Speak a blessing over them 'Peace to this house' (v5)

Reaction	How to respond?
Welcomed by a 'person of peace' (v6-9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Stay with them▪ Proclaim and demonstrate the kingdom
Not welcomed (v10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 'Wipe the dust off your feet' and move on.

- 'People of peace' often are those who open up the way to access others too (e.g. woman at the well).

How might we today say ‘peace be with you’ or ‘the kingdom of God is here’ (p72)

- ‘Can I pray for you?’
- ‘Do you feel close or far away from God?’
- ‘What has been your spiritual experience in the past?’
- ‘Have you ever sensed something “spiritual” or something you can’t explain?’
- Invite them to an event
- Share your story and God’s story

In breakout groups (p72-73)

- Any stories to share about your encounters or your '5.'?

Prayerfully thinking about your 5 people:

- Do you sense any of them are 'God prepared people'/'people of peace'?
- Do you sense any of them are people who 'open up others' to the good news too?
- Do you sense any reject you and you need to 'wipe the dust off your feet' and move on?

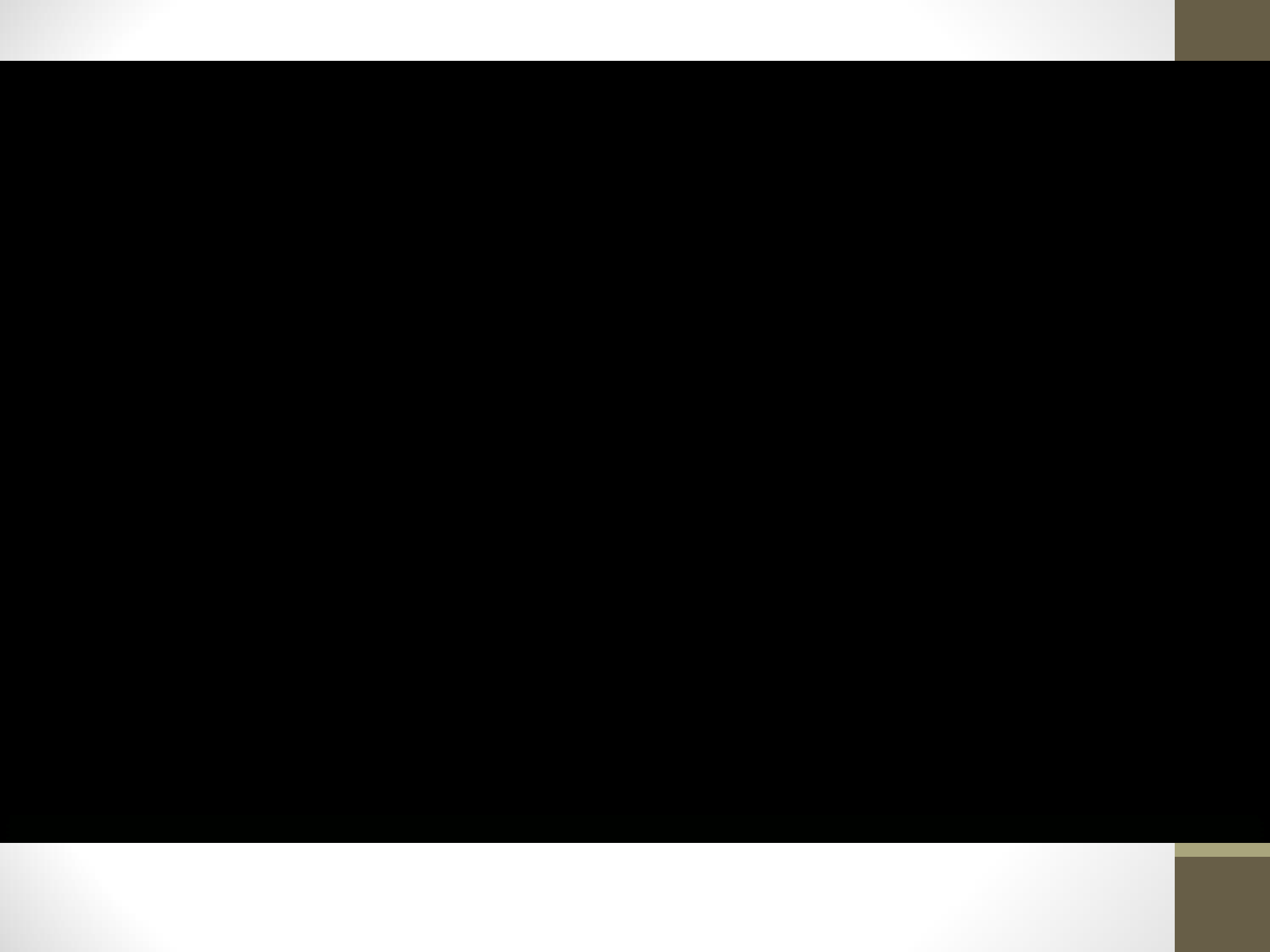


- Jesus continually asked questions and told stories.
- He told others to tell their stories: Read Luke 8:38-39
- Jesus calls us to tell our stories

TELLING *our* STORY

Some top tips:

- Keep it simple (& short)
- Keep it focussed on Jesus not you
- Avoid religious jargon
- Be honest – tell the truth about yourself & be vulnerable
- Not just ‘conversion’ but the little things God has done (me – Malvern pic & Mark)





Your example...make notes on p75-76:

- What was the situation before?
- How you came to faith/How God encountered you?
- What difference did Jesus make?

Now practice your stories with each other in 3's.

Challenge for this week

- Practice your story
- Pray God will give you the opportunity to share it with someone this week



Lord Jesus Christ, I am no longer my own but yours.

In gratitude for your saving death on my behalf, I offer my life to
you afresh.

Call me to the mission of your kingdom and open my eyes to the
spiritual need of those around me.

Give me your love and compassion for the lost, and strengthen
me with your grace to serve them and be a blessing to them.

Send me in the power of your Holy Spirit to witness to the
gospel and reveal you to those I meet.

Teach me how to make disciples and where I need to change my
attitude, lifestyle and habits.

I freely and wholeheartedly commit myself to this call, knowing
that in everything you will give me your inspiration, strength and
grace.

Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are
mine and I am yours. So be it.

Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven.

Amen