Mission

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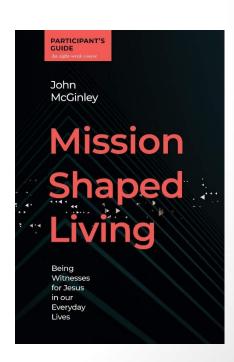
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Session 6: Continuing

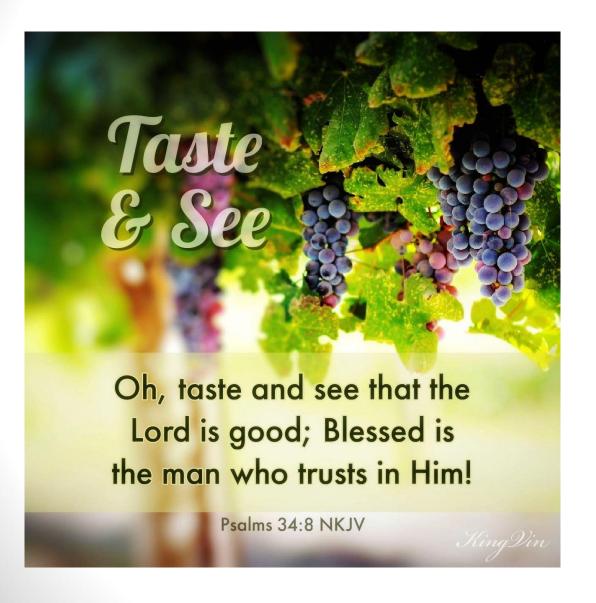
What most stayed with you or surprised you from last week's session?

Put your comment in chat...

Any more good stories to tell?



Psalm 34:1-10



Where have you seen the goodness of God this week?

Put in chat.

Goodness Of God

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'We are to keep searching and blessing people until we find one who is ready to receive him. Then we stay with them and help them in their journey of coming to faith in him'

Authority and Purpose



"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." (Mark 1:17)

In breakout groups...

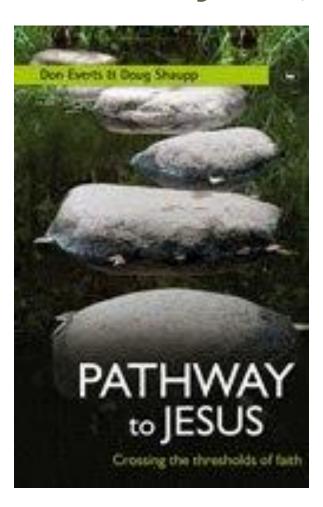
- Over the past few weeks, where do you think you have begun to grow in confidence in mission?
- Confidence praying that each day we would be sent as Christ's ambassadors
- Courage and Compassion seeking to bless, share, serve and love others in need and praying for 5 people
- Connection telling our story, asking questions, making an invitation, offering to pray

Luke 19:1-10 – Zacchaeus (p86)

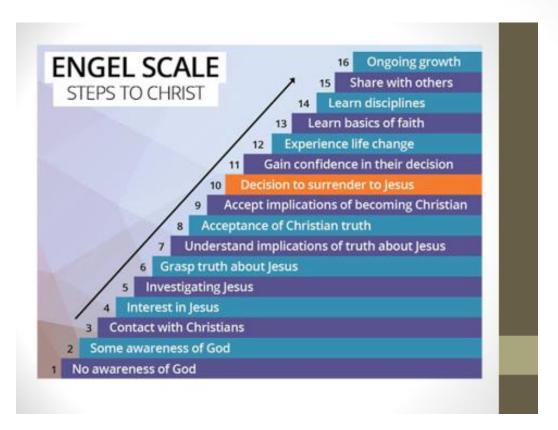
- How does Jesus reach out to Zacchaeus?
- What do you think Jesus and Zacchaeus talked about that could have made such a dramatic impact on him?
- What can we learn from Jesus' example?
- Have you ever invited a friend to a church event?
- How did that go?
- What helps people to be ready to accept such invitations?



Pathway to Jesus



- People often need different things at different stages
- E.g People who have no awareness of God might need more to spend time with Christians and hear some stories, rather than be invited on to Alpha at that point.
- Some times what people need is at a certain point is just for us to 'dwell with them' (eating, caring, sharing) and build trust not necessarily give them a gospel presentation!



Prayerfully think about the 5 people you are praying for...

- Where would you say they are on the Engel Scale?
- Using arrows indicate whether they are a) showing signs of opening up to God (↑); b) reacting negatively and stepping back (↓)
 c) no change (→).
- What might be the 'next step' that they need to move them up?
- Pray and ask God 'What can I do next to help them move on'?

Step out and take the initiative (p89)



- Prayerfully text one of your 5 people.
- Ask God who and what you should text them which might help them take a 'next step'?

Seeing encouragements (p91)

Read the story of Emma on p91

 Thinking of your own stories, where might you see 'encouragements in discouragement'?

Whom Shall I Fear (God Of Angel Armies) (Tomlin/Cash/Cash)

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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