

The Church in South Korea: Reverse Mission;

In September 2014 a group of 1,000 prayer missionaries came over to the UK for a month. They came to say thank you to the church here for sending the missionaries over 100 years ago who planted the church and showed such dedication and courage.

They also came to pray for the church here, to stand alongside Christians seeking to break down the strongholds and barriers which are weakening the church in the UK and Europe.

The Church in South Korea:

Discipling



Discipling: Look at the SaRang church in South Korea where discipleship is taken very seriously <http://english.sarang.org/>

What can we learn from the Church in South Korea?

Is our society too secular?

Is it unusual in our society for a family to share its faith in the community setting?

Within Lichfield Diocese the Community of Saint Chad offers a model of missional spirituality with a focus on discipleship and formation. Take note of the Five 'Rhythms of Grace' which provide core values to live by and to aim for as well as the Small Companionship Groups which provide encouragement and accountability.

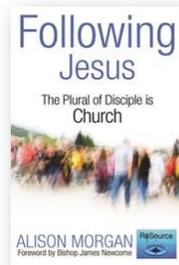
See <http://bit.ly/1yoAHFF>



Book Links.....

Following Jesus — The Plural of Disciple is Church:
Alison Morgan (2015)

The Cost of Discipleship: Dietrich Bonhoeffer



It takes the whole world
To know the whole Christ

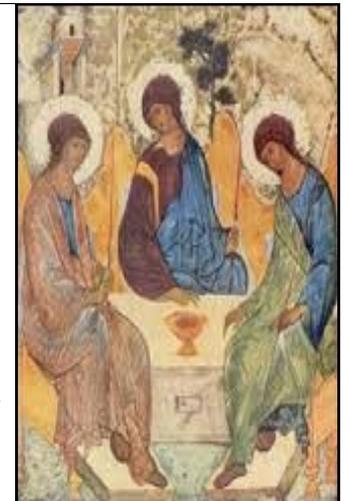
Session 4: Growing Disciples.

In this session we will learn from our global partners how to grow disciples.



A prayer of Welcome

*Lord God, you have brought us together in partnership.
You have caused us to depend on each other.
We thank you for this.
May we use this opportunity to discover each other.
Open our hearts to see the problems and needs of our partners,
Strengthen us as we give and receive,
sharing material and spiritual gifts.
We commit ourselves to You as we go journey together,
United with one another in Your love. Amen*
Gustrow Cathedral; Christian Höser (2013)



Making Links....

Share any experiences or thoughts you have had on reconciliation from the past week.

Bible Links...

Ephesians 4: 12 -16

1. What does it mean to be 'mature in Christ'?
2. In what ways might this be different from simply 'being a member of a church'?
3. In what ways can we 'admonish and teach with all wisdom' (admonish =urge or warn strongly)
4. How do we respond when others seek to 'admonish' us?
5. Ephesians 4:16 speaks of the whole body playing a part in the maturing of the body.
6. How can we encourage every member of our church fellowship to discover and use their gifts to this end?

Companion Links...

Visitors from St James, Bushbury sharing food and fellowship with their link church in Bandung, Indonesia



Jens-Peter Drewes speaks about the need for the Church in Northern Germany to Grow Disciples

Bishop Moon Hing underlines why the Discipleship is such a priority within the Diocese of West Malaysia.



St Chads Volunteer Programme

To find out about the St Chad's Volunteer Programme please visit <http://bit.ly/1qmfzvo>

Who is volunteering in our Diocese this year?

What have they received from their sending Diocese that we don't offer in ours?



Local Links....

Some churches are using the Pilgrim programme, a course which uses contemplation and discussion to introduce people to the faith, or to help others deepen their faith. www.pilgrimcourse.org

Why do you think so many Christians stop learning and growing in their faith? What can we do to promote and enable discipleship!

Prayer Links..... Praying with Rice (this HIV/AIDS example can be adapted)

1. Measure out and place the following piles of rice around the room.....
2. Explain that each grain of rice represents a person, and label them as follows: 305g (11oz) representing the 18,560 people who have ever died of HIV-related illness in the UK. 933g (2lb) representing the 56,000 people who died of HIV-related illness in a single year in Zambia in 2007. 4.5kg or 10lb representing the 270,000 children worldwide who died of HIV-related illness during 2007.
3. Let these piles of rice be a visual representation of the impact of HIV around the world.
4. Put some music on and encourage people to get physical as they pray – walk around, touch the rice, sift it through their fingers.
5. At the end of the time of prayer, people could take a grain of rice away with them to remind them to pray and take action to bring about change.

Personal Challenge;

- Identify one or two people whom you could disciple. Who is discipling you?