

## Home Group Leader - Notes week Sunday 9 September 2018

### Come and See

#### Introduction

At St James we want to be intentional about growth. The “come and see” series is all about us inviting others to come and see Jesus.

There are many events we can invite people to: from Sunday services to weekly activities such as Art Group, Baby and Toddler, Praise and Play, Soul Space; special services like Messy Church, Harvest, The Nativity or special groups like Alpha Group. We can also share our story over a cup of tea or coffee at home, in a cafe, or over a pint in the pub. Come and see: Such simple, open, and inviting words that sum up an important aspect of the Christian life. These are the words we need to say to others who are seeking something more from life.

What are your own experiences of evangelism (that is, sharing the Good News through a ‘Come and see’ kind of invitation)? We may have done it, or others might have approached us. (Fabian would like the Home Group to email him any particularly good examples (or outstandingly bad ones!))

When you have talked about this, reflect on whether your examples of evangelism tended to build on relationships that already existed (friends and family) or were with strangers (like street evangelism, or a visiting preacher).

#### Read: John 1. 35-end

- What do you notice that seems important to you in this passage?
- Look at all the things that are said in this passage, either by Jesus or by the others. Look for examples of: questions/curiosity/doubt/invitation.
- Talk about how ‘one thing leads to another’ in the passage, starting with John the Baptist in verse 35 and ending with Jesus having a collection of his own disciples by the end of the chapter.
- How do you see ‘evangelism’ (sharing Good News) at work in this passage? For example, if you think back to your previous discussion, how much of it is between friends and family, and how much is between strangers?

#### Read: Colossians 4. 2-6.

- Actions speak louder than words: How is this saying reflected in the reading?
- In the passage we are called to know “how to answer everyone” (verse 6). What would you say to someone who asks you why you are Christian? Share your stories with one another and see how encouraging it is to hear and learn from one another.
- “to open a door for our message” (v3-4). Think about the kind of events, activities at St James where this can take place. Pray about it (especially the upcoming alpha course).