

LAST THING FIRST

Philip Jinadu | Discussion Notes

Philip described how we can have 'jigsaw lives'; we put lots of time and energy into things but it's all towards things that have no lasting value.

- Have you ever felt this way about your life?
- Philip explained that we can prevent this by asking ourselves 'what are the things that last?' and working towards them. In other words we take some time to think about where we are going. Have you ever tried to think about your life in this way?

As well as jigsaw lives, we can also have jigsaw churches - churches that require a lot of , energy, effort and time but don't build things that last. For the rest of the session we're going to reflect on our vision as Metro and looking at how we can build something that lasts.

Read Matthew 16:13-19. Philip explain that 'church' comes from the Greek word 'ekklesia', or 'out from people', ie. people going somewhere, a community with a calling

- What does this passage tell us about church?
- What would it look like for Metro to be more like what Jesus describes in this passage?

FIND - 'we exist to help people **find** Jesus.'

- What are the challenges for you around helping people find Jesus?
- What can we do differently this year to help our friends find faith?
- What role do you think Sunday services play in this and what can we do to play our part here?

LOVE - '**love** one another.'

- What has made finding real community more difficult in the last year?
- How can we really love one another as a Hub?
- How could our community as a church show the world a different way of doing community?

Now is a great time to mention that we have our **Metro Weekend** on the **25th-27th March**. Tickets will be live in a few weeks, but get the date out there so your Hub all save the date!

FOLLOW - '**follow** Jesus'

- What one thing are you going to change this year to help you follow Jesus more closely?
- Is this the time to get involved with mentoring and being mentored?

For those wanting to start (or update giving) the link is woodlandsmetro.church/giving

SERVE - 'and **serve** the city.'

- What would a church that really served the poor in Bristol look like? (You might want to give people a few minutes on their own to write down some ideas here)
- What has God been challenging you about when it comes to serving our city?