

# The Others

## 2. Kingdom

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read Luke 10.1-16

<sup>8</sup> 'When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. <sup>9</sup> Heal those there who are ill and tell them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

- Take one aspect of your life – your work, studies, leisure activities, relationships etc. What would it look like if 'Jesus did' that? Take it in turns to paint a picture and share it with the group - your world according to Jesus.
- **Proclaim & Demonstrate** the Kingdom. Some Christians/churches are good at just 'Proclaiming' – telling people the good news – without really demonstrating it. What does that look like and why doesn't it go far enough?
- Some Christians/churches are good at just 'Demonstrating' – doing acts of love, mercy and social justice – without really explaining the good news. What does that look like and why doesn't it go far enough?
- What would it look like for us to both Proclaim & Demonstrate the Kingdom - as individuals, as a Hub, as a church?
- Have you had experience of bringing God's Kingdom to others? What was the situation and how did you go about it?
- What aspect of God's Kingdom excites you the most? Where do you yearn for it to come in your world?

Big Idea: 'The Kingdom of God is the World according to Jesus. It's our job to bring God's heavenly dream down to earth.'

Share your challenges with one another in 2s and 3s. What does the Kingdom of God look like for you and how do you need the help of Jesus to make that dream a reality? Pray for the boldness to proclaim God's Kingdom and for the love to demonstrate it. Pray for the wisdom to know when to do which.

Pray specifically for two or three friends, flat mates, family members and colleagues that you'd love to enter God's Kingdom. Pray for opportunities to share with them.