

<b>Theme &amp; Passages</b>	<b>Vision Sunday I Helping People Find Faith</b> Healthy Help Rom 12:1-8 + Mk 2:13-17	Notes prepared by Gill Hawkins
<b>Welcome (10 mins)</b>	Tell your (funny?) stories of either offering or receiving 'help' that didn't turn out to be very helpful.	
<b>Working with God (15 mins):</b>  <b>Evangelism</b> <b>Discipleship</b> Compassion Justice Creation Care	<p>This month the new academic term gets underway at our schools, colleges, and universities and all those in the education system face change. Whether the change is a new year group and teacher, a new school, a change of location and way of life or leaving the education system for pastures new this is a time of upheaval for children and youth. Teachers also return to the challenge of a new academic year.</p> <p>Let's pray together for the children, youth and educators of our community as they make a start on this term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for the formation of good relationships between friends old and new for the students and healthy relationships amongst teaching staff and senior management teams</li> <li>• Pray for healing for those with mental health difficulties</li> <li>• Pray that the institutions will be filled with the Spirit of God and will become increasingly nurturing and safe places</li> </ul> <p>The six had a record turn out of 76 on Sunday partly because all our students and Satellites campers were invited especially for a commissioning for this new academic year. Please pray</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specifically for our 34 Satellites campers; that they will find faith and grow in God this year</li> <li>• that those with faith will be able to stand firm in the challenging environment of school, college and university</li> <li>• that they will be enabled to serve and share Jesus with their fellow students</li> </ul>	
<b>Worship (15 mins)</b>	<p>Read Romans 12:1-8 and then use 'I will offer up my life' by Matt Redman to meditate on what we offer 'in view of God's mercy' as we come to worship.  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQkzHwz2eLE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQkzHwz2eLE</a></p> <p>Pray out your prayers of offering</p>	
<b>Word (20-25 mins)</b>	<p>How do you respond to our single priority for this year of <b>'Helping People Find Faith'</b>? Have a chat about what you think it might mean to you as a SG and individuals.</p> <p>On Sunday Gill spoke about being 'healthy' as we 'help people find faith' drawing from Rom 12 and saying that it all begins with how we respond to God's mercy for us. Chat together about what season your prayer life might be in at present; is this a time for deepening your intimacy as you 'offer yourself'? What commitment can you make for this next season?</p> <p>One of the results of the 'renewing of our mind' is discernment of God's will. Can someone share a story of a period of their lives when they felt very sure of God's call? How did that feel and what were the results?</p>	

	<p>Gill said that understanding our limits is also part of discerning God's call as He never calls us to that for which He does not equip us. Do you think you tend to try to live beyond some of your limits (time, energy, gifting, money) or is your tendency to stay well within and maybe even 'play it safe'?</p> <p>Who would like prayer from the SG as you think about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- your prayer life</li> <li>- your sense of calling</li> <li>- living with respect to our limits while using all God has given us</li> </ul>
<b>A challenge!</b>	<p>To get underway with <b>'Helping People Find Faith'</b> we are holding a 12hr prayer event on <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 6am – 6pm</b> at BBC. We invite everyone to come along for at least an hour that day to seek God's face and hear His voice for this year. How might you respond as a SG?</p>