

Discipleship

A five week course
for extending discipleship
in small groups

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Week Three

Disciple in community

Either:

Watch a video clip of church e.g. Mr Bean, Vicar of Dibley,
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGEmIPjgjVI> - Me Church,
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mTK7KlbNx7o> – Why

Church?

Share your responses to what you have seen.

Or:

Ask one or two people attending the same church to describe their church to someone who has never been to church and asks about it.

If the rest of the group were the person asking what would be their response to the idea of going to church?

Share

'I can be a Christian without going to church.'
What is your response to this statement? Why?

Read

Matthew 16:18 and Ephesians 1:15-23, 3:14-21.

Share

Jesus says 'I will build my church'. The church is God's plan.

How does it feel to be part of God's plan?
Can you be part of this plan on your own?

Read John 14:12.

Could this verse be better understood if we realise Jesus was talking to his disciples (his church)?
Disciples together make a more widespread impact than Jesus alone.

Think together about the ways in which the church has had an impact on the world throughout its history.

Share

What is your church doing to help change the world?

Action

Bearing in mind the gifts of your group (as recognised in week 2) what could you do together to make a difference to the world beyond your local community?
What are you going to do? How will you start?

Close by offering to God in prayer these 'action' conclusions.