

# **everybody welcome 1**

the course where everybody helps grow their church

## **discover**

making the church more visible

### **WELCOME**

### **WORSHIP**

#### **Course prayer**

**Heavenly Father, you have welcomed us into your kingdom  
And your heart's desire is to draw every human being to yourself.  
Grant us clear eyes to see people as you see them,  
Sensitive feet to stand in their shoes,  
And warm smiles to welcome them in your name.  
Give us such generous hearts,  
That our church becomes a foretaste of heaven  
Where every soul you send finds their loving home  
In the community of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### **WORD**

#### **DVD Introduction - The word on the streets**

#### **Read Acts 2.42-47**

- 1 What were the primary activities of the church in Acts?
- 2 Which of these activities happen in our church?
- 3 In our church how do we get ourselves noticed so that the Lord can add to our number?

#### **Checklist 1 Church Programme = What do we do at our church?**

- 4 Work together to make a list of the various activities the church puts on
- 5 Guess the number of people involved in each activity who do not normally come to church
- 6 How effective are our church activities at introducing people to the life of the church?

#### **DVD – A church at the heart of the community**

- 7 Fill in the checklist = 3 mins
- 8 Compare notes and fill in the group summary
- 9 Did you score the various questions in roughly the same way as each other?
- 10 Please give a copy of the group summary to Mike and Ali Saunders

#### **Checklist 2 Special Services = What special services do we have each year?**

- 11 Work together to make a list of the various special services the church puts on each year
- 12 Guess the number of visitors or newcomers or fringe people that each special service attracts
- 13 Which special services really work and which do not?
- 14 Fill in the checklist = 3 mins
- 15 Compare notes and fill in the group summary
- 16 Did you score the various questions in roughly the same way as each other?
- 17 Please give a copy of the group summary to Mike and Ali Saunders

## **DVD – How do they do that?**

### **Checklist 3 = Church Premises and Publicity**

18 Fill in the checklist = 3 mins

19 Compare notes and fill in the group summary

20 Did you score the various questions in roughly the same way as each other?

21 Please give a copy of the group summary to Mike and Ali Saunders

### **Checklist 4 Personal Contacts – Do we know anyone!**

22 Fill in the checklist = 3 mins

23 Compare notes and fill in the group summary

24 Did you score the various questions in roughly the same way as each other?

25 How many people do we know between us who may accept an invitation to a church service or event

26 Please give a copy of the group summary to Mike and Ali Saunders

### **Conclusion – what did we learn?**

Please record

27 Our churches strengths and weaknesses

28 Where might we improve things?

29 What could the people in this room do straight away without costing any money and without being controversial?

30 Please give a copy of the answers to these questions to Mike and Ali Saunders

## **DVD – Authors conclusion**

### **WITNESS**

Pray for

Our church programme and special Services

Our church premises and publicity

Our personal contacts and one another

### **FOR NEXT TIME**

Ask one or two genuine strangers to look around the church building. Ideally they should be non church goers. Write down their comments and bring them to the group.

What do they like?

What strikes them as odd or out of place?

What could we do to improve our building?