

WITNESS – Reaching out to others
(Aim for 20 – 30 minutes)

Praying for one another

Romans 12:9-21 (NIVUK)

¹⁰ *Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves.* ¹¹ *Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord.* ¹² *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

Go around the group and share a challenge that you are facing so that others might pray for you.

When each person has shared pray for each other, with each person praying for the person on their left..

Conclude by praying The Caleb prayer:-

O High King of Heaven,
Have mercy on our land.
Revive your Church.
Send the Holy Spirit for the sake of the lost, the least and the broken.
May your Kingdom come to our nation.
In Jesus' mighty name. **Amen.**

Trusting God in 2 Troubled Times

Who Will God Use? *Isaiah 49.1-7*

WELCOME – Breaking the ice *(Aim for 10 minutes)*

What are the characteristics of an encourager?
Why is encouragement so important?

WORSHIP – Meeting the Lord *(Aim for 10 – 15 minutes)*

As you turn to pray be quiet for a moment and turn your focus to God.

Go around the room and each person pray a thank you prayer.

Then together pray:-

**Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
Ignite in us your holy fire;
Strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
Revive your Church with the breath of love,
And renew the face of the earth,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Finish this worship time with the leader praying for your meeting.

WORD – Applying the truth
(Aim for 40 – 45 minutes)

Read Isaiah 49.1-7

1 Looking back over your life, How has God prepared you for opportunities to serve?

How does this strengthen your sense of God's calling?

2 What are the “three main tasks” which serve as “identifying marks of God's servants”?

3 In what ways are the “sword” and the “arrow” particularly appropriate images to describe the ways in which God equips his servants?

4 How can you “make God visible”?
Make your answer as practical as you can.

5 The Lord gives the servant a wider commission in verse 5-7. What is this wider commission and what will be the result?

6 Read verses 1-6 again and reflect on the servants far reaching international ministry. Think too of how the risen Lord gave his universal commission (Matthew 28.16-20) to a group of runaways. How may we keep this global perspective in our hearts?

7 What role do you have in the church's God-given task of taking his salvation to the ends of the earth?

8 “We need to tell people the good news and warn them of the dangers of rejecting God” How exactly would you explain what the good news is? And what are the dangers of rejecting God?