

The Church Has Left The Building

5. Missional Community

Key Point: we are clay jars containing treasure

Connect Group Questions

This series is designed to get us thinking about what it means to be “on mission” with God.

We can be outward focused and missional in everyday life. We can be in our Connect groups, too. Our Connect Group can be a safe place where we can live out what God is teaching us, and a place where we can support and be accountable to each other.

1. Begin by recalling what you remember from the sermon. Key words, ideas, thoughts, pictures etc.
2. What did you find most challenging, helpful or troubling about the sermon?
3. Read II Corinthians 4: 1 – 6. Ponder the importance of “light” in the Bible.
4. What does it mean to be “Children of Light” (Ephesians 5: 8)?
5. Read II Corinthians 4: 7 – 9.
6. What is the significance of having “this treasure in jars of clay”? How does the concept of being a clay pot make you feel?
7. Do you identify with Paul’s difficulties (verses 8 & 9)?
8. “God uses clay pots...God uses links...God uses our gifts”. Identify spiritual gifts in the members of your Connect group.
9. Is your Connect Group a space where you “do life” together? Do you feel yourselves to be a community? How do you measure up to John 13: 34 & 35?
10. Ask God to challenge you as you contemplate the prayer below.

*Christ has no body now but yours
No hands, no feet on earth but yours
Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*