

Bible Walkout

Bible Walkouts are written to enable people to take a walk together discussing a Bible passage with questions enabling discussion on many levels. This is to enable anyone and everyone to participate. The questions are none threatening in that they are not meant to put people 'on the spot' or to divulge private information. People are encouraged to chat together but are not obliged to do so.

The format of the walk is to have 3 questions with a short pause on the walk between each one. It seemed easier to take some of the questions from previous walks to try to illustrate the sorts of questions that a Walkout has. Questions are annotated where it seemed helpful to explain the style.

The leaders of the groups on the walk can start the walk with a simple synopsis of the Bible story.

In the Walkout times of prayer can be added - these are kept quite general e.g. prayerfully ask God to hold all of our conversations and give us his Spirit to strengthen us in his power and love to support one another, listen to his voice and be a beacon of hope in these times.

Walks should fit onto a single side of A4 paper

The Road to Emmaus

Part 1

Scene is after Jesus' death and resurrection. 2 disciples are walking from Jerusalem talking about the things that have been happening. *This question sets us in the action of the passage and takes up the discussion of the walkers on the Road but the talk is about what is happening for us.*

As we walk let's talk about what's been happening for us lately.

Part 2

The men are joined by another they at first don't recognise. They are surprised that he doesn't seem to know what has been happening. Then Jesus catches them up on the stories concerning him. *Back to the Bible action picking up on Jesus talking about himself and inviting the people on our walk to recall stories about Jesus. This is a task that is meant to encourage and uplift people – remembering and sharing does this.*

Which stories about Jesus do you find encouraging or inspirational? Share them.

Part 3

The men recognise Jesus as they share a meal and when Jesus leaves them they get up and go back to Jerusalem to tell the others that they know Jesus has risen. *Again, using the action of the Bible story to get us to think about what we do – but not us specifically – more generally as Christ's people or as people in the circuit or church. The aim is not to create a guilt trip but to get people to think about what we and our church do to share Christ or indeed reflect what we could do.*

How do we share Jesus with others - thinking more along the lines of how are we Christ in and to the community, the world.

This is another walk – Jerusalem to Jericho

Part 1

Jesus is going about his ministry and is asked how a person inherits eternal life. The dialogue continues covering obedience to laws and loving your neighbour as yourself and ends with the question 'but who is my neighbour?' *Very rarely ask people what they know in the Bible but together as a group thought it would be an ice breaker to collate 10 Commandments and it is a lead into next part of question.*

Firstly, as a bit of a warm-up can you have a go at identifying the 10 commandments. Then think about who is your/our neighbour. Let's dig deeper than 'everyone' but we can remain non name specific ie not "Mrs Jones at number 54' but for e.g. the couple whose wedding was postponed, the mums teaching their children at home, the lady over the road who is still self-isolating etc.

Part 2

Jesus tells the parable as an illustration of who is my neighbour. We know the man travelling on the road gets beaten up, robbed and left for dead. And then we know the Priest and the Levite passed him by. *The question is keeping it general and open.* Let's chat about why people 'pass by' (don't help) those in need. This is a general not personal question. E. g's might include they cannot travel to the earthquake zone, they have no money to give etc etc.

Part 3

Jesus told stories for a few reasons – teaching, correction but also for hope and encouragement. Where have you found encouragement and hope in this story or indeed other stories or recent experiences. *A question to focus on hope and to encourage one another*

Another Walkout *This one starts with a little synopsis*

Summary Acts 27. Paul is being taken to Italy for trial before Caesar. This entails several boat journeys. The sea conditions seemed to be deteriorating with each journey and Paul warned that the voyage they were about to make to Crete was going to be disastrous. It went ahead and to cut a long story short they were shipwrecked!!

Part 1

I wonder if life almost feels like a shipwreck at the moment, things lurching from good to bad to worse to disastrous to ----- . What is causing a 'shipwreck' for people around us at the moment? And maybe temper the conversation with some of the lifebuoys that you've been aware of. *This is to give people the opportunity to talk about life at the moment (written during Lockdown) BUT it also asks for some of the positive*

Part 2

The people on the ship tries all sorts to stop the shipwreck. They tried to drop anchor and weather the storm, throw the cargo overboard, then the ship's tackle then the spare food! The church like many organisations has struggled through the past few months with many things seeming to have been 'thrown overboard'. What aspects of church do you love and would you truly like to preserve? If you feel brave,

being sensitive to one another, what might you want to leave 'overboard'?. *Using the theme to offer a challenge*

Part 3

The story has, running through it, Paul's faith in God as a rescuer of him and the other 276 people on board. Even though things got rough, and they did, all of the people survived. They all reached land safely. We will come through this strange time and things including church will probably look different. What is your hope for future days and months? *Giving a chance to think ahead – to dream*