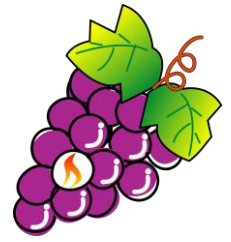




## LIFE GROUP PLANNING

### Aim of session:

What might God want to say to the group?  
How can we see Jesus honoured in 2022?  
In what ways can I commit to serving Him?



### Key Scriptures

If you have access to a commentary read some background to get context.

The Bible Project is a good starting point.

<https://bibleproject.com/>

**Matthew 25v31-46 / James 2v14-17**

### Warm Up

It may be this is your tea and cake time!

**Have you ever helped a stranger? Tell the story.**

**Have you ever been helped?**

**How did it make you feel?**

**What is it like to know that there are people at VBC who are willing to help you when you are in need?**

### Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

In the All Age Service Jez challenged us to think about how we might see Jesus honoured in Eastbourne in 2022.

VBC is also starting a ministry called AOK (pilot scheme begins soon) ACTS OF KINDNESS.

1. What might be the impact on VBC if everyone who was able to, began to serve each other in practical ways... even more than they might do now?
2. What would be the impact on the local community if members of VBC served strangers in the same way?
3. Think about the ways members of VBC already serve each other
4. How could this be improved?
5. How can we encourage more people to become involved in practical service? (Covid notwithstanding)
6. Why are some people nervous about getting more involved in VBC life?

### Growing in discipleship: Practical application

1. Reflect on how you as an individual Christian serve the church and others around you.
2. Bearing in mind your age/ ability/ health etc, how might you be able to honour Jesus in VBC and even Eastbourne in 2022?
3. What sometimes stops you from committing to serve the church further?
4. How can you overcome that/ remove the problem/issue etc?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

Pray about how you, and your Life Group can serve VBC and the community in 2022.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide people to use their gifting to honour Jesus

Pray for the pilot of the AOK ministry