



Week 2 - Intentionality



PRAY: Start with a time of opening prayer and worship.

DEFINITION: Intentional, (meaning) doing something by design, on or with purpose, being deliberate. To do something with a desired outcome.

REFLECT: Think back to someone who has played a significant role in your journey of faith (or your life in general).

Why was their influence on you so significant?

In what ways was that person being intentional in your life?

How does that inspire/challenge you today?

WATCH: Click this link to hear a conversation around intentionality

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hyCQ5CuKrnk> What stood out for you from this conversation?

READ AND DISCUSS (in pairs or smaller groups if helpful): Read Mark 4:21-25 out loud. As you listen to this passage, notice what strikes you - a word, a phrase, an image or a feeling. What is God highlighting to you in this passage?

Discuss the following questions:

- 📖 Is the goodness of the Church one of the best kept secrets in our city/nation?
- 📖 What does it mean to bring the lamp on its stand in our individual lives? And in the wider Church?
- 📖 What sort of things do you think Jesus had in mind when he talks of hidden things being disclosed?
- 📖 Who is in your immediate proximity? Who has God put around you in your wider life?
- 📖 What opportunities do you have to be intentional with those around you? What might that look like?
- 📖 What steps could you take following the conversation this evening?

PRAY: Having shared on the questions above, take some time to pray for each other; perhaps naming the people in our immediate proximity, praying for opportunities to be intentional with others and that God would give us courage and help us to be good influences on those around us.

Let's join with the wider diocese in asking God to make us intentional, praying for a Bigger Church to make a Bigger Difference, more people knowing Jesus and more justice in the world.

Close by sharing prayer requests and praying for one another.