

How can we *serve* the people with whom we *already have contact* in such a way as to make the gospel *intriguing, challenging and appealing*

### 1. Looking inwards at our own lives individually and as a church

The impact on me personally - *what can I do differently?*

Taking this back to my church - *what can I encourage to happen?*

Why is this important

- to me?
- to our church?

*(examine our motives and be honest)*

How do we need to “**be**” differently to be a church with *living faith* at its heart?

Why is my faith important to me?

How does my faith impact my life and be attractive to others?

How do we encourage and build more confidence in the faith that we have?

What are the things that stop us or stand in our way? - barriers, fears, anxieties

How open or ready are we to respond to the unexpected?

### 2. Looking outward to our communities

How well do I understand the culture around me?

Who are we trying to reach? Who do we already know? - *mapping our networks*

What is the Good News for the people we know?

Who in our community do we need to engage with? *perhaps for the first time*

What are the stories we want to share about our faith?

### Planning & Action

What is our priority . . .

- Contact?
- Nurture?
- Commitment?
- Growth?

Who in our church has a gift for:

- walking alongside people?
- nurturing faith?
- sharing faith?

What are we already doing that could be built on?

Who might form a “team” in our church to oversee and champion living faith?

Who are the other churches we need to talk to / share our ideas with?

What training do we need?

What do we need to communicate to others in our church?

How is the time going to be found on our PCC agendas to make this a priority?

***When - is down to God & you and may not be when you are ready!***

### Making living faith a reality?

- Rooted in prayer
- Focussed on “being” rather than “doing”
- Putting people first
- Being honest about our motives
- A whole church desire not a sub-committee