

## **The Brickhills and Stoke Hammond**

### **Living Faith 2: Making disciples**

*This is about the core task left to us by Jesus. It usually takes the form of accompanying people on a journey to faith by the intentional use of nurture courses, mentoring, or simple friendship, and then encouraging them to follow Christ in everyday life.*

Sunday readings: Romans 12. 1 – 8; John 1. 29 – 51

#### **LIVING FAITH QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Andrew and Philip are the first people on record to bring others to Jesus with the simple invitation 'come and see'. What are we inviting people to come and see today?
2. Befriending and understanding people is an important part of making them disciples. What strategies does your church have for simply getting to know one another? How can these be improved?
3. What do you think are the most helpful ways of enabling people to grow in their faith? How will you do this during, say, the next six months?
4. How can we better support people in our congregations with particularly demanding or high profile jobs?

#### **FOR PRAYER**

##### **GROUP PRAYER**

Here are some Bible verses about discipleship for reflection and silent prayer.

Matthew 10. 16 (mission of the twelve)                      Luke 10. 41-2 (Mary and Martha)  
Luke 10.27 (loving God and our neighbour);              John 21.17 (Jesus and Peter);  
Romans 15.14 (instructing one another);                  2 Cor. 6. 11-13 (opening our hearts);  
various verses from Ephesians 4;                              James 2.17-18 (faith and works)  
Revelation 2. 3-4 (patient endurance and love) and other verses from Revelation 2 & 3.

##### **SOME FURTHER TOPICS FOR PRAYER EITHER IN THE GROUP OR IN THE WEEK AHEAD:**

Give thanks for ...

- The people who first showed you Jesus
- Courses and published materials available to help us understand our faith better.

Pray for ...

- One another in our lives at work and at home
- Those in the local church with particular responsibility for mission and outreach
- Our friendships with people who are not Christians
- Special services or events that are an opportunity to invite people to come and see
- The Holy Spirit's guidance in planning for the future.