

# HOME GROUP NOTES w/c 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## Luke 10:1-12

### WELCOME

- When you go on a journey what preparations do you make?
- How would you go about preparing for a great mission campaign in Middlewich to bring the whole town to Jesus?

### WORSHIP

Read Psalm 78 together. Thank God for his Grace and blessings and pray that our thankfulness will spill out into telling and works that will help God bring his salvation to all people.

### WORD: Read Luke 10:1-12

#### A risky business

- Why do you think Jesus sends the 72 disciples out, rather than just visiting the towns and preaching himself?
- Why does Jesus send them out in two's?
- What risks do you think he runs in trusting the 72?
- Do you think our ministry team should run the risk of sending 72 out in the same way?

If so, why?

If not, why, and is there anything we should do to overcome your objections?

#### Travelling light

- What possessions does Jesus tell the 72 they should take with them?

- Why do you think these should be so few?
- What were the likely risks to the 72 of not taking money and other “essential” belongings?
- Which of your possessions do you attach most value to?
- To what extent do you think these hinder you from devoting your whole lives to God’s work?

## **Communities**

- List the communities (plural) in Middlewich and Byley that the church does not really touch in any meaningful way - the final frontiers, strange new worlds, new lives and new civilisations, (to boldly go) where no one has gone before (!)
- In what ways do you think so many live their lives in “poverty”?
- How do you think we can engage with these communities?  
How can we show them our love and God’s love?  
How should we evangelise to them?  
How should we serve them?

## **WITNESS**

Think of an individual, outside our church family, who you know or have recently met and is living in poverty – perhaps financial, perhaps social, perhaps mental, or perhaps spiritual. How can you show them love, show them Jesus and serve them?

## **PRAYER**

- Pray for new “workers” to bring in a great harvest.
- Pray for freedom from possessions so we can give God more.
- Pray for the outreach that is currently going on from our churches.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us to those individuals and communities in “poverty”.