

Liverpool Diocese Rule of Life - explored by L23 churches

“We are called to read, learn and pray and we are sent to tell, serve and give!

Bible Study - TELL!

What do you love to tell? – a joke, a story about days gone by or what family, friends or pets have done now! Maybe you love to share a recipe or talk about the equipment needed for golf or music or another hobby?

For Jesus telling is part of a disciple’s life. It featured in his last personal instruction to them.

Read – Matthew 28: 16-20

Imagine the scene : the disciples are already bamboozled by recent events – Jesus’ hideous death and then his miraculous reappearance – and Jesus has set up a meeting on a mountain. So they go!

V 17 – What state are the disciples in?

It seems quite a mixture. Do you sometimes feel like that about God and faith?

V 18 – What is Jesus’ reassurance to them? Do you feel reassured by this?

Jesus gives clear instructions in v 18 – why do you think he says ‘therefore’?

Find the actions Jesus commands them to do in v 19 and 20 - there are 5 direct ones

_____, _____, _____, _____, _____

How far is Jesus sending them?

Whose name are they sent in?

How much does Jesus want them to know?

This seems like a very big ask – can you sum it up?

What will help them?

We have examples to follow – choose **one** of these passages to look at - Acts 2: 22-24; Acts 4:8-12; Acts 8: 29-35; Acts 13: 16-33

In each example a disciple is telling, maybe a bit of shared history but basically what they know of Jesus – their own experience of God.

What are some of your experiences of God? Could you write them down?

Do you feel the need to have all the answers or be more solid in your faith before speaking about God? Remind yourself of Matt 28: 17

Faith is not always easy for us- we can also share the struggles.

Read 1 Peter 3: 8-16 (espec v 15)

- Who would you like to talk to about Jesus? Can you pray for opportunities to tell them what you know of God?

Remember – the last line of Matthew’s gospel – a promise for you! God bless you!