

From Our Heart to Yours | Local Outreach

Last Week

Anyone make any changes to their lives from the past lesson on Kingdom work as a lifestyle?

Opener

What do you think is the most important thing any Christian church should do?

Questions

What do you think is the most important thing VRL does as a church? Please explain why you feel this way?

If every member of VRL showed loving Christ-like kindness to their community and invited just one person to visit a Sunday service or a Life Group, what do you think VRL would look like as a Church? What do you think the community would say about VRL? Any thoughts on why some members may struggle with this?

If someone asked you why you were a Christian, what would your answer be? Would you be able to answer this question? Why do you think this even matters?

Here is an exercise for someone to put together a simple, personal testimony to share. Please take some time as a group or have someone volunteer to practice with encouragement from their group. The finished testimony should only be around 2 minutes.

- Where was I prior to coming to know Jesus?
- What did I experience when I first came to the Lord, attended church, Life or Recovery Groups?
- How is my life different today?
- A word of encouragement to someone who doesn't know Jesus.

Apply SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) to:

Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

- Read the verses out loud together, Share your observations, Discuss Application
- Close in Prayer

Next Steps:

Ask yourself, "If VRL were to disappear, would anyone notice or care?" and what role you can play in the answer to this question?