<u>LIFE GROUP LEADERS GUIDE</u> Whatever You Do #2 - "Everyday People"

Tips for Leaders (continued from last week)

The start of the year often sees a spike in visitor numbers to our Sunday services. Please encourage your Life Group to keep an extra eye out for guests during our meetings. This could be a key time of growth for your group as you welcome new people to come and try out your Life Group and help them find their place at Everyday Church as they take their next steps as disciples of Jesus Christ.

CONNECT IN with one another

Start by going round the group asking each person to share what they would consider to have been their most ordinary moments during the past week. (Leaders note: please be sensitive at this point not to add "while you were at work" to this question). Many people are students, retired, stay at home parents or are job hunting.

CONNECT UP with God

Ask someone to read Colossians 3:17 & 23. These are the verses this series hangs on and they very much tie right back into Genesis 1 & 2, showing us that God really is interested in being a part of every moment of our days.

Go around the group again and ask everyone how they are doing with this?

How often do they pause to invite God into those moments?

Do they think it will make a difference?

Remind everyone that these questions are not designed to condemn in ANY way, but rather to help us make changes at the start of a new year, to have our minds renewed (Romans 12) and for us to make use of this opportunity to partner afresh with the Holy Spirit.

(Leaders note: perhaps this a time to agree int the group to have regular slots when you meet together to share God Stories of how different members of the group paused to invite the Holy Spirit into those ordinary moments and to share breakthroughs as encouragement for one another?)

CONNECT OUT with those exploring faith around you

The group would no doubt have discussed opportunities to invite God into their ordinary, everyday moments. Take this last bit of your time together to pray for those people whom we are connected with(at sports clubs, school gates, university, work) and break into smaller groups making the most of this time to invite God to break into the ordinary moments we will be spending connecting with them. This is a great opportunity to ask the Holy Spirit to go ahead of us and prepare hearts and to create opportunities to both show and talk about His incredible love for us.