Beyond Church
Doing Life
Being Christ

EBF Mission Conference

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A Call to DO LIFE alongside people beyond the church.

To live life in the local neighbourhood, to be friends with those beyond the church and to join in with what God is already doing through his Holy Spirit.
7 Underlying Principles

BLESS UNCONDITIONALLY
LIVE INCARNATIONALLY
LISTEN
Listen to God and the Community

‘I will tell you what to do through the community’

Joining in with the Holy Spirit

The time to talk about faith!
LISTEN

Listening to the community
Joining in with the Holy Spirit

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Community said...

Toddler Group
Community Events
Youth Club
Halloween Party
Children’s God Club
Nativity Play
Easter Story
Weekly Church Service
LISTEN

Listening to God
Joining in with the Holy Spirit

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LISTEN

What is your word to this community?
What’s our sermon for the neighbourhood and how do we preach it?
Wash the Feet of the Community

Maundy Thursday Pamper Night
Grew into regular event
Yarn Bombing…God’s Word Of Light & Hope
Singing over the Neighbourhood

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Prophetic Words and Healing

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LISTEN  COVID 19

- The underlying principles have stayed the same
- We are still listening to God and the community
- The activities look different – God is working in the same way!
Someone outside the church asked for a children’s Bible story group

Owen asked to do school assemblies, parents watching too

People of other faiths in touch with us

People have shared hardship - food hampers – pray and listen to God for each hamper

Listening to a mum led to prayer after a toddler group on Zoom

More natural for people to share and to pray virtually via text with those beyond the church

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Breakout Groups

 How is God speaking to you through your local neighbourhood or community and showing where his Holy Spirit is at work?

 Where are you seeing God at work beyond the church and where are you joining in with Him?

 Does this look the same or different during Covid 19?
7 Underlying Principles

- Bless unconditionally
- Live incarnationally
- Listen
- Make friends
- Lay down our lives
- Lay down agenda
- Keep on going
Jesus said,

‘I call you friends’ John 15:15
Make Friends

- Jesus said, ‘I call you friends’
  Jn 15:15
- People share life with friends not professionals
- I’m called to live my life as friend who is a follower of Jesus
- Modelling or embodying Jesus’ friendship
Jesus said, ‘I call you friends’ Jn 15:15
Jesus lived life closely with his friends
Jesus friends weren’t always easy!
Wash the Feet of the Community

Maundy Thursday Pamper Night Grew into regular event
The underlying principles have stayed the same

We are still making friends beyond the church in our local community

The activities look different – God is working in the same way!
People contact us to talk about fears of Covid, lockdown and isolation

Virtual Pamper Night

Make friends/deepen friendship through Facebook – people have made contact and want support or friendship

Socially acceptable just to text to ‘check in’ rather than with a reason, grows friendship

Growing friendship has led to growing conversations about life and faith

New people joining our Sunday Gathering - including those who are anxious

New people being part of our Stowe FB Group and engaging in prayer & worship on line

More people joining our Facebook reflections
How are you sharing our lives and faith naturally with those beyond the church in your context?
(Please share!)
Do you think the church generally encouraging friendship or institutional distance?
How is this easier or more difficult because of Covid 19? What are we learning?