

40 Days – Serving Together

How do we serve together and do team in the context of church life? Here are four things to consider in building team together:

1. Trust-

The emotional glue that binds people together.

Jesus, Paul and others often worked with others for the gospel. They took teams with them. Paul says to Timothy 'Timothy guard what has been entrusted into your care' Team work starts with trust. So the challenge is how can we be trustworthy?

Being Consistent- The more consistent you are with people. The more dependable you are.

Being Confidential -How good are you at keeping a secret?

By being close-Trust takes time and time is needed to go through the ups and downs of life together.

2. EMPATHY

Empathy is important for two reasons...

- a. You want someone in your life who knows where you are coming from. You have a deep need to be understood.
- b. You have a deep need to have your feelings validated.

So, how do we build empathy?

1. Slow down-Speed destroys empathy because you miss the details of life when you are going too fast.
2. ASK QUESTIONS-Proverbs 20 v 5 'A persons thoughts are like water in a deep well, but someone with insight can draw them out'- Ask questions... No really, how are you doing?
3. SHOW EMOTIONS-Romans 12 v 5 Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.

3. ACCOMMODATION:

As God has made us all so different we have to accommodate each other's differences. We need to...

Accomodate... each others needs.

Accomodate... each others ideas.

Accomodate... each others personalities.

Accomodate... each others faults

4. MISSION

Teams aren't just an end in themselves. They have to have a purpose. They have to have a cause.

They have to have a mission. Phil 2 v 2 – Be of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. What can we do? How will we serve together to win the world for Christ.

Questions:

1. What did God speak to you on Sunday and what are you doing about it?
2. What positive experiences do you have of being in a team? What were the challenges?
3. What would you want to serve in at cell that you currently don't do?
4. Have you ever had a friend break your confidence? How did that feel?
5. Do you go to fast through life? What are you worried you miss on the way?
6. When was the last time you cried with someone?
7. In what ways can you accommodate others in your cell?
8. What could you serve in together in the local community?