

Christian Union Planning Sheet

Theme / Topic

How do we share Jesus during the pandemic? - *Part 3 of the 'Hope has a name' 6-part series*

Bible Passage

John 13:34-35 "I give you a new command: Love each other. You must love each other as I have loved you. All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other."
(New Century Version)

Time Allocation

30 minutes

Aim

The young people will have opportunity to consider how we can share Jesus in the midst of the pandemic.

Introduction

Group Discussion

What's the best news you have ever heard? Who told you? How did they tell you? What did you do as a result of hearing the news?

When we hear good news we often want to share it with those around us.

Teaching

Christians believe that the best news ever is Jesus! That because of Jesus death and resurrection we have the gift of a friendship with God forever and eternal life spent with Him. For Christians this news is too good to keep to ourselves, so how do we share the good news of Jesus with those around us in the midst of a pandemic?

Watch the Vitalise devotional video 'Hope has a name: His name is Jesus' together.

You can find the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tze1r68vdg>

Application, Reflection and/or Activity

Take some time to read Psalm 139 together. As you read it consider, what word or line stands out to you? You could reflect individually, discuss in pairs or talk as a group.

Psalm 139 gives us a glimpse of how God see us - His children. We are loved by God and precious in His sight!

When we understand who we are in God, and what He says about us this gives us a great place to share His love and hope with others.

Challenge the group over the next week to intentionally and actively listen to those they find themselves in conversation with. To allow others to share their thoughts and feelings without dismissing them, even if their thoughts differ from our own. Then offer to pray for that person - either with them during the conversation or at a later point.

Memory Verse

'God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life.' – John 3:16; NLT

Resources

Vitalise Video

Bibles available in case young people would like to look up Bible references