



Introduction

Our vision is to follow Jesus together, for the renewal of London: that every part of life and society would be impacted by the life of the Kingdom of Jesus. The staggering promise of the Bible is that God wants to use us to make this happen.

The challenge for most of us is there's a gap between our present experience and what the Bible says is possible when we follow Jesus. To help bridge this gap, we want to build the church on three core values: *Presence*, *Formation*, and *Mission*. These aren't anything new. They're age-old principles, but they can get easily lost in the intensity of London life. We'll be unpacking these values together in our communities over the next four weeks. This session is an introduction to the themes we're covering.

Start (45 mins)

- **Food:** we suggest a simple recipe to get the evening started! Gathering people around food – no matter how simple – is a great way of feeling at home and in community with others.
- **Welcome:** during the meal you might want everyone to introduce who they are, how long they've been in London, and how they got connected with Christ Church London. This is especially helpful for any new people who've started attending this term.
- **Pray:** take 5 minutes to pray for your community and our church as we enter this new season. Pray that God might speak to each of us as we seek to follow Jesus together. It's always great to leave some space of silence (2 mins) for us to bring our hearts before God, confessing our sins, thanking him for the cross, and asking for his Holy Spirit to speak and guide us on our journey.

Introduction (5 mins)

Set the scene for the evening. You might want to read the introduction above as a way to set conversation in context, help people prepare, and also to include anyone who is new.

Watch Video (20 mins)

Introduction to Christ Church London's Vision & Values

Questions & Reflections (15–20 mins)

Feel free to use any questions that feel appropriate for your group. Some suggestions are below. For groups bigger than eight, you might want to break into smaller groups to foster more conversations.

1. Which value(s) do you think you most align with personally and as a community? Which do you most want to grow in?
2. What would it look like for us as a community to be devoted to God?
3. Are there any steps you feel the Holy Spirit might be challenging you to make individually or as a community, to devote yourself more to Jesus?

Pray (10 mins)

Invite people to pray. This could either be all together or in the groups you've been in for discussion. This could be a chance to pray for one another personally, pray for the community, the church, or our city. You may find it helpful to change this weekly depending on what topics / themes we're covering.