



Mission

We're not here for ourselves. In fact, the call of Jesus is to die to self, take up our cross, and follow him. We want to be a community who sacrificially give ourselves to join God in the renewal of all things. We've often articulated renewal in three areas:

Spiritual Renewal: The transformation of people, communities, and the city

Social Renewal: The restoration of the disadvantaged and the marginalised

Cultural Renewal: The redemption of ideas, industries, and institutions

Key Texts

Romans 1:16-17; Colossians 1:15-20; Matthew 5:13-16

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 session introduction above as a way to set conversation in context and help people prepare. It's helpful to recap the previous session to include anyone who is new.

Watch Video (20 mins)

Value 3: Mission

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. What are the everyday places and people you spend time with who don't know Jesus? What are some pressures you face there that we can pray for as a community?
2. What opportunities might there be for your faith to make a difference in those places?
3. What are some of the things we'd love to see happen on mission as a community?
4. Are there any areas we feel nervous about stepping out in?
5. Where might the Holy Spirit be leading you as a community with regards to mission?

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.