

## Winter News & Prayer Letter 2015

# What is God Saying to You?

## Free Christian Listening Course

Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> 10am till 4:00pm

Bourne Street Church (Off Freetown Way) Hull.

***We are delighted to announce that we are offering a free Christian listening course which is open to all with a passion for helping hurting people.***

*The one day course, named 'The Importance of Christian Listening' is an introduction and refresher to Christian listening and will be run for Crossline by the well-respected organisation, Acorn Christian Healing.*

*The course is aimed at helping to make a positive difference in the World through developing good attitudes and skills in listening – to others, to yourself and to God.*

*Listening is a skill of critical significance in all aspects of our lives, from maintaining our personal relationships, to getting our jobs done, to taking notes in class, to determining which bus to take to town!*

*Regardless of how we're engaged with listening, it's important to understand that listening involves more than just hearing the words that are directed at us. Listening is an active process by which we make sense of, assess, and respond to what we hear. The course will help in listening to friends, family work colleagues.*

*Please help to publicise this event at your Church or home group and feel free to contact us if you need posters.*

*The training will be held at Bourne Street Elim Church, just off Freetown Way, a ten minute walk from the bus rail interchange, drinks will be provided. **To Book please leave a message on [01482-610054](tel:01482-610054) or email at [prayer@crossline.karoo.co.uk](mailto:prayer@crossline.karoo.co.uk). And we will forward all details directly to you.***

*We are so grateful to **The Jerusalem Trust**, (part of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts) along with **All Churches Trust** (Owners of Ecclesiastical Insurance Group) who have kindly made grants available to help with funding this course.*

*We still have continual financial needs, to send a one off gift or set up a standing order and become a Crossline Angel our bank account details are;*

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**Dear Prayer Partner,**

In Luke 5:27-32. In these verses the Pharisees asked; “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

So here we are clearly told to live among the lost, to be His instruments, to be a light in the darkness - but do we do this?

Sadly, much of the Christian church tends to be more insular compared to Jesus instructions. Often the pressures of life overtake us, we are just too busy to listen to others around us.

Here are five points which may help us follow Jesus instructions:

1. Commit yourself to developing a genuine and authentic relationship with someone who is "lost." Eat with, bless, love, care, or support them.
2. Make it a priority! Organize your activities and schedule to create time to invest in the "lost."
3. Practice hospitality. Open your home to expose your daily life to others.
4. Be transparent! Get to know each other's stories - past, present & future.
5. Join community organizations or activities to increase your opportunities to meet new people, i.e. PTA, sports teams, clubs, home groups, classes at the gym, etc.

I'm sure you're familiar with the quote by C.T. Studd, the British missionary (1860-1931):  
 "Only one life, 'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last."

But to add fire to the recipe above he also said:

**"Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell;  
 I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell."**

May your days be blessed as you bless others!

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- Send me information on the bus advertisement sponsorship.
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