



Winter News & Prayer Letter 2020

Happy New Year & Decade!



THE CHRISTIAN LISTENING PATHWAY 2020

Have you considered the advantages good listening skills can bring to your relationship with family, friends and colleagues?

On Saturday May 16th this year, Crossline will be hosting a **free** Acorn Christian Listening course focussed on verbal communication and in particularly focussing on Christian listening.

The event will focus on Effective Christian Listening Practice and provide an opportunity to be equipped in listening more effectively to ourselves, to others and to God.

This is a valuable life skill which we know will be of benefit to you, your family, friends, Church members and work colleagues.

Focussed aims are;

- To understand the value and impact of active reflective listening skills.
- To discover more about the value of feelings and grow in our capacity to 'listen' and to discern both outward feelings and discern non-verbal feelings.
- To help develop active reflective listening skills and to consider some principles and boundaries in active listening.

The entertaining and valuable course will be held at Bourne Street Church in the centre of Hull. Free parking is available on site and Bourne Street is just a 10 minute walk from Hull central bus and train station.

The course starts with coffee from 9:30 then starts prompt at 10am running till 4pm with a lunch break for packed lunches. (Drinks will be provided.)

A course we ran 5 years ago was very well received and helped a number of attendees in their relationship with family friends and God!

Booking is essential as the course has limited numbers.

To register your interest, just email us at

prayer@crossline.karoo.co.uk.

Or call and leave a message on **01482-610054.**

If you are able please do mention the course at your church or church group and you can also contact us for a poster to display in your Church.

££££ Each call we receive costs us around £1:50. As most of you will be aware, we are a totally voluntary charity with no paid staff. Could you help us reach hurting people? A gift of just £15 helps us to comfort 10 people! To send a one off gift or set up a standing order and become a Crossline Angel our bank account details are; **CROSSLINE (HULL) - Account no :- 41381765- Sort Code 05 05 27.**



Jesus, the Perfect Listener...

As Christians, we are given the great commission in Matthew 28: where Jesus states;

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

So how do we accomplish that? Most people just want someone who will listen to what they have to say and for people to engage with them, possibly even feeling their pain.

Someone once said “Good talkers are a penny a dozen but good listeners are priceless.” So if we are to be as Jesus commanded and virtually be the **‘Church in our community’**, for family, friends and work colleagues, just how do we achieve that?

One major step is to look for people that you can love like Jesus loved. That is, you need to keep your eyes and ears open for the people who God brings into your life who need a word of encouragement, a helping hand, a shoulder to cry on, or simply a listening ear.

It doesn't take a lot of energy to listen to others, but it is a great way to love others and, like Jesus really show that we care.

In the New Testament James underscores the importance of listening when he writes that we "should be quick to listen and slow to speak." (James 1:19).

Also remember that Jesus didn't judge people. Jesus was willing to put away negative feelings, grudges, hurts or misunderstandings to really hear what people were saying. A great example of this is Jesus' interaction with the woman at the well in John 4.

So, what are the benefits of listening, according to the Bible?.. and why should we try to improve our skill in this area?

Just because a person is speaking does not mean he is being listened to.

In our busy lives many people don't take the time to listen but the reality is that many people that YOU will meet each day, are longing to find someone who will listen to them.

American author David Augsburger said: ***“Being heard is so close to being loved that, for the average person they are almost indistinguishable.”***

Please pray about this and consider joining us for our May training, it could not only change your life but demonstrate your faith to the hurting people who are around you.

Until our next prayer letter in the spring, we wish every blessing to you and your families.

Prayer Requests for Crossline;

Please pray for the continued protection for all staff, listeners and trainee listeners, our finances and for all our callers, whose needs are real and many!

- I am interested in telephone listener training.
- I enclose my donation to support the ministry of crossline.
- Please add our church to your prayer support list to receive your quarterly prayer letter.

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