

**Word notes Sunday 21/07/13 Ben & Myriam Harley**  
**How to share the gospel – Mission**

**Summary** (read this bit out to remind cell members what was said on Sunday)

**Key Texts: Key Texts: Mark 2:14-17**

**Ben: Who is Levi?** The 5th disciple to be called, whom some scholars think was not necessarily the same person as Matthew. He was a customs official - fairly rich, the toll he collected happened at gates or borders of regions. He may well have been known by Peter James and John as he was the collector for Capernaum. He met Jesus, who was so amazing that Levi walked away from everything - and believe me he had A LOT. He was so pleased and excited about meeting Jesus that he threw a party and invited his friends. In that culture if you ate with someone it showed acceptance.

Ben talked about his time in Hong Kong. He took heroin addicts in and loved them for 10 days, praying in tongues for them for 4-4 1/2 hours a day. Only about 5% had withdrawal symptoms during that time. They knew that Jesus has met them and made a difference to them. When you share your life and give unconditionally the door opens. Jesus gives us an invitation to do just that - it's not being told you have to, there is always a free choice. Ben's calling came though God speaking to him in a dream to go visit Jackie Pullinger and give her a hug. It took a year for things to fall into place but by staying faithful and obedient at the right time Ben was released into the ministry God had for him.

**Myriam:** talked about their call to Vietnam. Ben had read book by Christina noble about life in Vietnam and the labour camps for drug addicts, which kindled in him a passion for Vietnam. Myriam dreamt that she would work in S.E. Asia with trafficked women. Together they visited Vietnam in November and God confirmed that He wanted them there.

In a review by Hagar at least 400,000 people have been trafficked from Vietnam. We probably tend to think of women in relation to trafficking but it's not just women and girls - indeed very little is done for young men who are victims. Myriam and Ben think that is where God wants them, working with trafficked men and boys in Vietnam, so they will go in September.

**Application** (this is the bit where cell members get to participate. Lead discussions around these points)

Read 1 John 3:18

1, Our relationship with Jesus is the source of compassion for others, how would you answer these questions?

- Have you met Jesus in a way that blows your socks off?
- What are you passionate for as a result?
- How is your relationship with Jesus right now?
- Do you ask Jesus each day, "what would you like to say to me right now"?

2, In Mark 2:14-17 we read how Jesus called and met with the "undesirable" Levi and his friends and was criticised for doing so

- Is there someone you don't like that he is asking you to serve?
- How do you deal with your prejudice?
- How can you love from the heart?

3, Often what God is calling us to seems impossible yet He finds a way when we rely on Him. Is there an impossible situation you are facing and if so how can you find the way God has in store for you?

**Witness** (this is the bit where the cell talks and prays about how to share the Good News)

Have you been able to "spur someone on to love and good deeds" over the past 2 weeks or have you been encouraged? Share what you did, what happened as a result and encourage one another more to step out over the summer.