



Word Notes: Sunday 24/06/18

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**Key Text: Matthew 10:1-8**

Jesus chose something of a motley crew for his disciples – possibly not the people we might have selected. After they had been with him a while and seen what he was doing he called them together, gave them authority and sent them out to do the same. With one major limitation: only go to the Jews – to people you know well. This was the first of a number of times Jesus sent out his disciples to share the Good News, culminating in the Great Commandment when he sent them, and by extension us, into all the World. Fitting that they start “at home”, with people who’s ways they knew, traditions, language, expectations even. And the things they were to do were to extend his ministry of meeting people where they were and share what they had received; Good News and healing.

Tim also shared the beginnings of fresh vision for Plumblin GB, especially of a vision for Market Town churches and rural communities, comparing the former days of Cathedral and Parish/Abbey churches with modern day City Churches and Town/Rural church. City Church is not likely to be replicated in our Towns but there is opportunity to grow who we are with just as much vitality while remaining focussed on relationship and community – they things many are returning from City Church to rediscover in their neighbourhood.

**Discussion**

Reaching our Community

1, Tim encouraged us that Jesus’ command to “Go” started with home turf, with the places and people they knew. What does that mean to you? Try to think of more than just geography, also think about all aspects of your life where the Lord has placed you.

2, What have you received from Jesus that you can share? What news can you share, what talents and gifts can you offer, what “ordinary things” do you have the ability to do that would lift the circumstances of another?

3, How can we make this our lifestyle? What would it take, do you need help from like-minded others?

4, What excited you about Tim’s vision of Market Town church? What does that mean for your part in the life of NCC?

**Pray Together**

Pray for a fresh revelation of Jesus’ command to “Go”. Ask for renewed hearts, lives laid down and a readiness to be Jesus people whomever we encounter.