

Principles of Evangelism
EM324/524

Module 6: Reaching Your Community for Christ

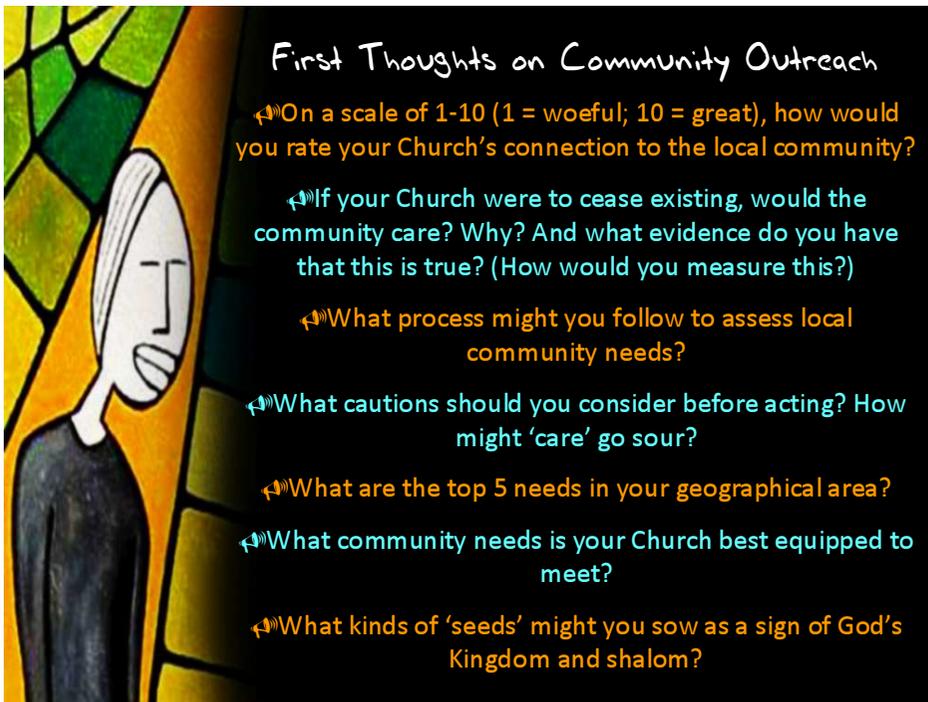


Lecture overview

Assessing Needs & Planting Seeds,
with Ryan Vallee

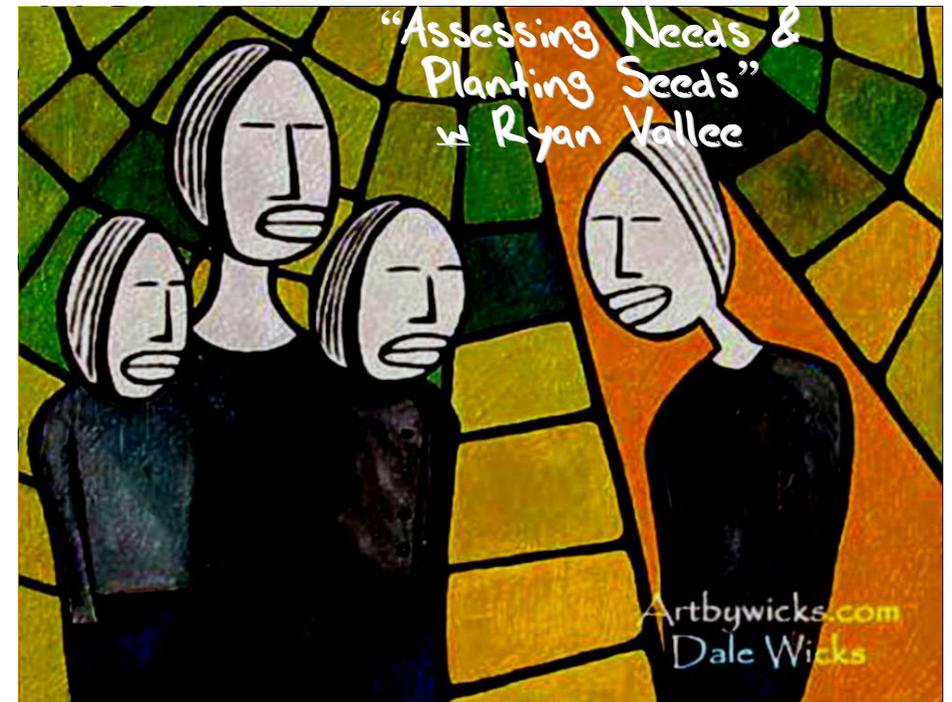
Testimony/Tips/Prayer/Challenge
+ Readings Debrief

Getting Creative:
Planning Outreach Events



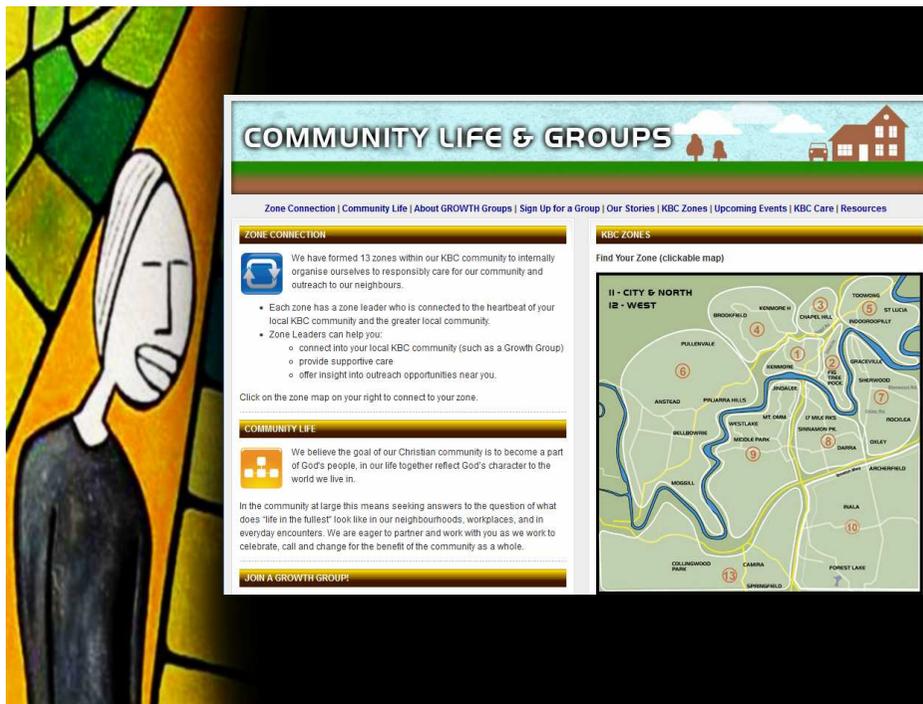
First Thoughts on Community Outreach

- ☞ On a scale of 1-10 (1 = woeful; 10 = great), how would you rate your Church's connection to the local community?
- ☞ If your Church were to cease existing, would the community care? Why? And what evidence do you have that this is true? (How would you measure this?)
- ☞ What process might you follow to assess local community needs?
- ☞ What cautions should you consider before acting? How might 'care' go sour?
- ☞ What are the top 5 needs in your geographical area?
- ☞ What community needs is your Church best equipped to meet?
- ☞ What kinds of 'seeds' might you sow as a sign of God's Kingdom and shalom?



"Assessing Needs & Planting Seeds"
☞ Ryan Vallee

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COMMUNITY LIFE & GROUPS

Zone Connection | Community Life | About GROWTH Groups | Sign Up for a Group | Our Stories | KBC Zones | Upcoming Events | KBC Care | Resources

ZONE CONNECTION

We have formed 13 zones within our KBC community to internally organise ourselves to responsibly care for our community and outreach to our neighbours.

- Each zone has a zone leader who is connected to the heartbeat of your local KBC community and the greater local community.
- Zone Leaders can help you:
 - connect into your local KBC community (such as a Growth Group)
 - provide supportive care
 - offer insight into outreach opportunities near you.

Click on the zone map on your right to connect to your zone.

COMMUNITY LIFE

We believe the goal of our Christian community is to become a part of God's people. In our life together reflect God's character to the world we live in.

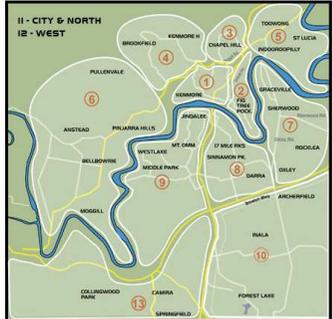
In the community at large this means seeking answers to the question of what does "life in the fullest" look like in our neighbourhoods, workplaces, and in everyday encounters. We are eager to partner and work with you as we work to celebrate, call and change for the benefit of the community as a whole.

JOIN A GROWTH GROUP!

KBC ZONES

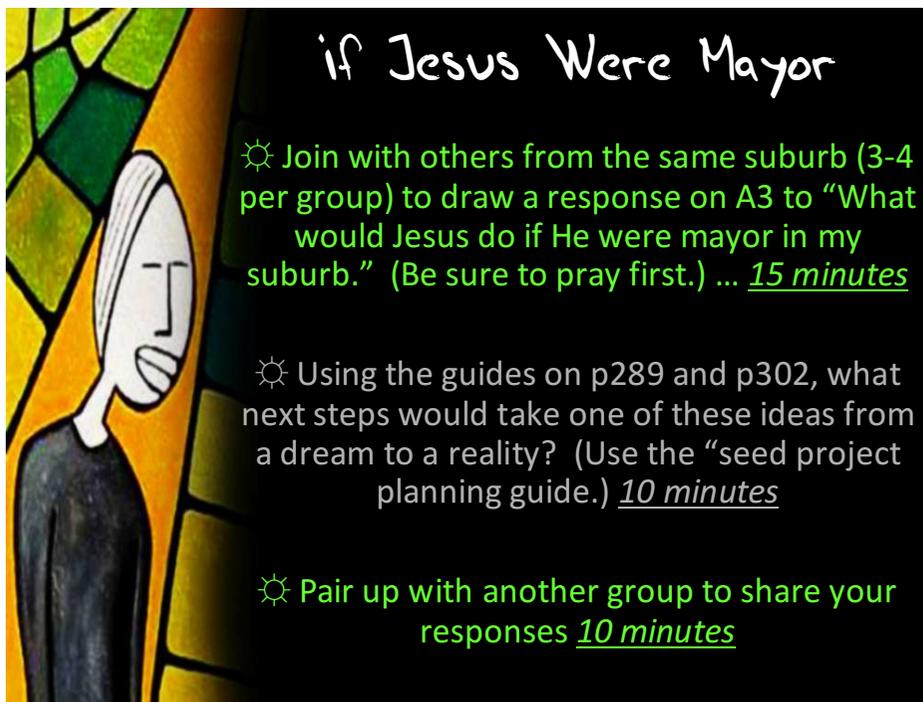
Find Your Zone (clickable map)

11 - CITY & NORTH
12 - WEST



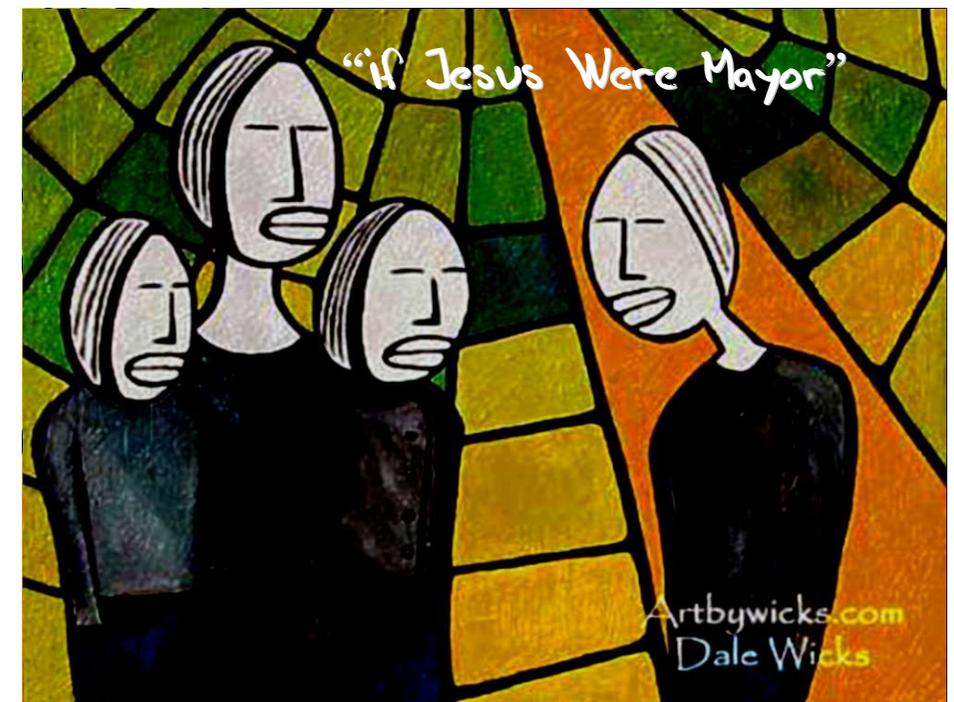

Ryan's Story & KBC's Journey

- His background – a community of outreach in Washington State
- Frustrations and hopes with a larger Brisbane Church
- First steps: thinking in zones
- Assessing local needs
- Building Community: The 'Fireplace' and Intentional Christian Community
- Reaching Community: Helping Hands; Street Teams; Pastoral Networks; ESL; Coach; care packages; counselling; personal development, etc.
- His heart for a small-big Intentional (and incarnational) Christian Community



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Testimony/Tips/ Prayer /Challenge



Discussion of Readings

-question—something you don’t get, or want to clarify

-challenge—something you disagree with, or want to nuance

-implication—“so what” for your evangelistic approach

-application—something useful right now in your context



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☞ What story of community impact inspired you most? Why?

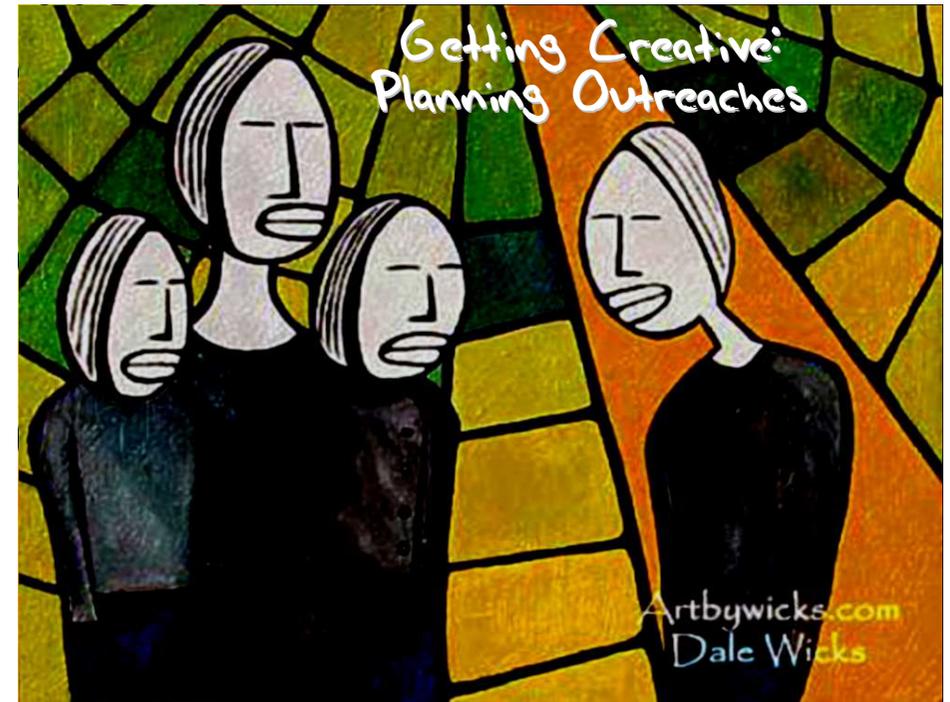
☞ In your community, where is the greatest disparity between the Kingdom of God and the daily lived reality? How could you and your church respond?

☞ What is the rationale behind “seed projects” being “short, small, and simple ... done by local churches, using local resources to demonstrate God’s love to those outside the church”? What example of this have you seen that made a real difference?



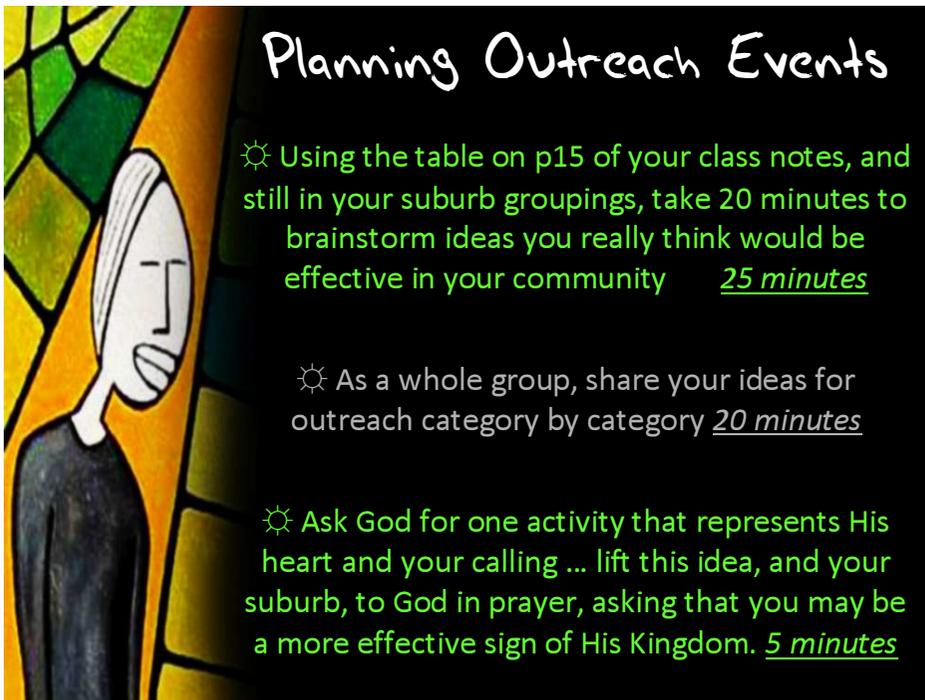
Keller, "God's Global Mission"

- ☞ Why does God care so much for the city?
- ☞ What principles do you draw out of Israel's exilic living in Babylon, as recounted in Jeremiah 29?
- ☞ How might this apply to your local context? What does it mean to "work for the *shalom* of the city"?
- ☞ In what ways is, and isn't, your church a "contextual church" for the city?
- ☞ What one change would better position your church to join "God's Global Urban Mission"?



Getting Creative: Planning Outreaches

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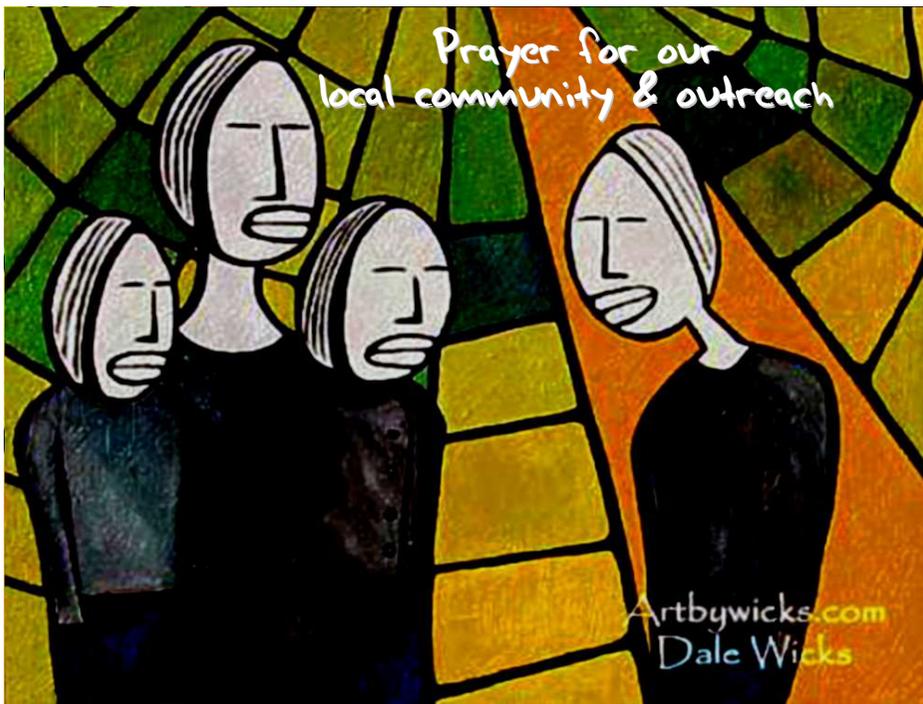
Planning Outreach Events

- ☀ Using the table on p15 of your class notes, and still in your suburb groupings, take 20 minutes to brainstorm ideas you really think would be effective in your community 25 minutes
- ☀ As a whole group, share your ideas for outreach category by category 20 minutes
- ☀ Ask God for one activity that represents His heart and your calling ... lift this idea, and your suburb, to God in prayer, asking that you may be a more effective sign of His Kingdom. 5 minutes



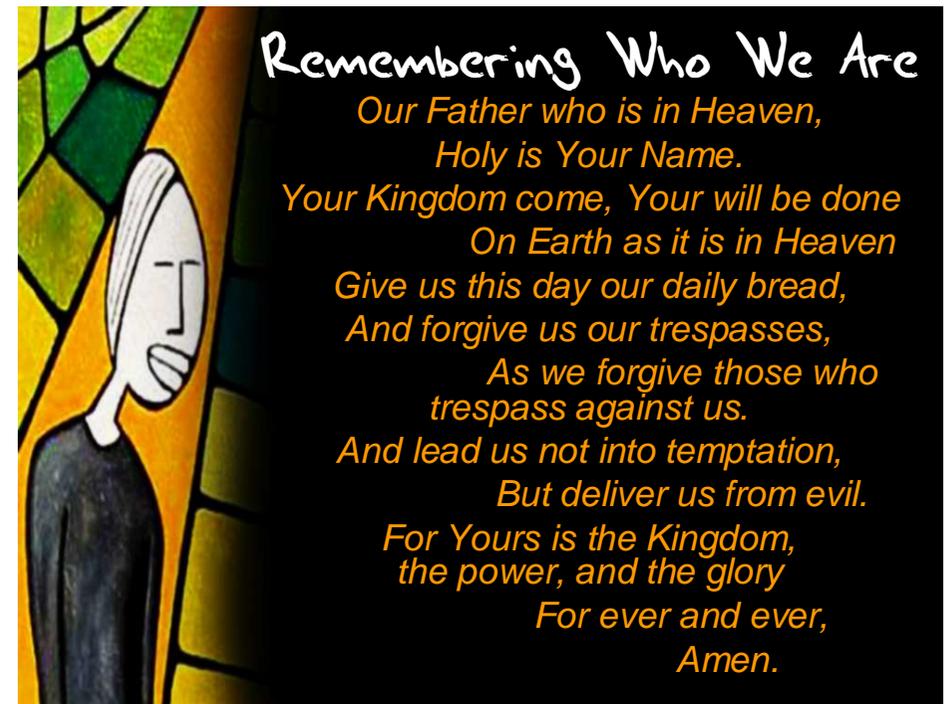
Leth's Stepping Out





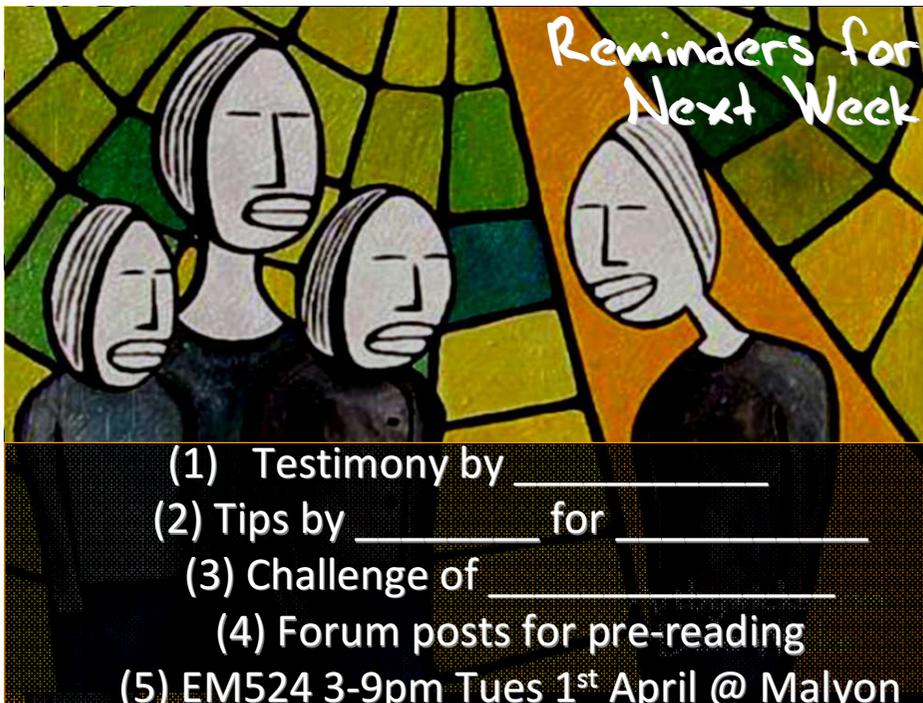
Prayer for our
local community & outreach

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Remembering Who We Are

*Our Father who is in Heaven,
Holy is Your Name.
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done
On Earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the Kingdom,
the power, and the glory
For ever and ever,
Amen.*



Reminders for Next Week

- (1) Testimony by _____
- (2) Tips by _____ for _____
- (3) Challenge of _____
- (4) Forum posts for pre-reading
- (5) EM524 3-9pm Tues 1st April @ Malyon