

# Invited: to come to a stepping stone event

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## SMALL GROUP NOTES

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### Scriptures

Luke 10:9

John 2 Jesus and the wine

Luke 5 Jesus and Peter

Luke 19 Jesus and Zaccheus

Matthew 8 Jesus and the storm.

John 4 Jesus at the well

### Outline

Tom looked at two key points about inviting people to stepping stone events;

1. *What are they?*

Any kind of non-Sunday event, project or happening that helps people to know "the Kingdom of God has come near". We saw two models we use as a church with regards to stepping stones: "Tried and tested" and "Tailor made".

2. *Why is it important?*

We saw that these stepping stones are important because there's a spiritual war raging and most Christians are oblivious. Spending quality time with non-Christians can help break down lies around words and the way we are. Tom explained that when the world hears the word 'Christianity' often they think 'Religion'.

Tom also outlined five key issues with how Christians are perceived:

- 1) Christians are judgemental
- 2) Christians are hypocrites
- 3) Christians are anti-gay
- 4) Christians are too focused on converting not loving
- 5) Christians are sheltered

### Questions for discussion

1. Which of the current stepping stones from Church are you involved with or are inviting people to?
2. When thinking of those around you who don't know Jesus, which of the five issues above about Christians would you say they believe? What do you think could help break down these misconceptions?
3. What tailor-made event could you as a small group start and who could you invite?

### Tags

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