

Switch it Up (Week 1)

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Discussion and Questions:

Will shared that he was saved through listening to and reading the words of the Bible. They captivated him and spoke deep into his heart. Within just a month he had discovered the Lord, learned of His love and wanted to share this good news with others. Romans 1:16.

1. Just as Will was filled with a desire to know the Word of God, what are each of us doing to allow the power of the Gospel to transform our lives?
2. How are we doing with sharing the knowledge we have of the Gospel with others?

Just as each of the Gospels tell the story of John the Baptist, a prophet dedicated to preparing the way for Jesus, NZ's history tells of a matakite (a Maori prophet or seer) named Arama Te Toiroa, who prophesied the coming to Aotearoa of a people who worshiped a God called Tama-i-rorokutia (Son who was killed). This preceded a revival within Maoridom that stretched across our nation.

3. What has the Lord prophesied over you? What are you waiting on with an expectant and hopeful heart?
4. What other prophecies are you aware of where the Lord has spoken over our Church, our nation, and the world?

The story of Tarore and the spread of the Gospel:

<http://www.nzcms.org.nz/200-years/wp-content/uploads/Tarore.pdf>

Tarore's story is both a tear-jerker and an incredible story of how God is able to turn even the most terrible of situations to good. And in this case, humble adversaries before one-another, heal grieving hearts, bring peace to a nation and win souls to the Lord.

5. In your life, give examples of when the Lord has intervened and turned situations beyond your control to good?
6. Perhaps you're still waiting on the Lord to intervene on a particular matter in your life? Standing on the promise given in Romans 8:28, share where you're at and the hope you long for. Ask others to pray with you, to see a break-through, to see things start to turn around, and ultimately to see victory!