Session 2



'Giving the Gospel'

Introduction

- It would be good to spend a little time sharing your own faith journey as a group
- Have you ever felt confident to share your faith with others?
- What were your experiences in doing so?

Explore:

One of the reasons we can sometimes be reluctant to share our faith is that we are little uncertain where to start, not sure exactly what the 'gospel (lit. good news) is, and not have the biblical tools available.

In John 3 - Jesus is having an evangelistic conversation with a religious leader called Nicodemus. This man wants to engage with Jesus, he is hungry to find out more, but at the same time is fearful of being associated with Jesus. He visits Jesus at night.

READ: **John 3:1-8**

 What is significant about the language and analogy that Jesus is using? How does the idea of being 'born again' or 'born of the spirit' or 'born from above' relate to your own experience of faith?

READ: John 3:16-17

This is a very familiar passage - where Jesus talks about the radical generosity of God. God demonstrated his love for the world through a sacrificial act of giving. His gift was costly. His gift is not earned - its a gift of grace.

- Take some time to re-read these verses again quietly. Ask God to speak afresh through them.
- What stands out to you?
- What challenges you?
- How do these verses encourage you?
- What do they say about the character of God

Prayer:

Take some time to pray for one another.

Please pray for your friends, family, colleagues and community.

Please pray for the upcoming Alpha course.