COMMENDATIONS & EXHORTATIONS

STAND ALONE SERMON

19th June 2022

- LIFE GROUP NOTES -

**Key Point(s)**

* Savouring
	+ Jesus / Worship
* Serving
	+ Diligence: life, calling, gifts / Taking responsibility / Taking leadership
* Stewarding
	+ Faithfulness: little & large, seen & unseen
	+ Heart: Worship, Generosity / Home: Hospitality
* Sent
	+ Community on Mission

On Sunday we said goodbye to Ben and Mikka Parker as they head off to church plant in Nijmegan, Netherlands. Ben and Mikka were the first couple to join the church plant, moving from Canterbury with the Pearces. Ben has been an elder, trustee and group leader, and Mikka has been a group leader, Student Worker and she has been on staff. Together they also led the worship team for many years. The preach ‘commended them’ for the foundations they ah valid and exhorted us to more and more of what they have deposited in us.

**KEY QUESTIONS**

1. **What struck you on Sunday? How did God speak to you?**
2. **Which of the points (Ss – see above) are you feeling fruitful in? Which are you**
3. **What next step can you take to grow in any of these areas?**

**\*\* TOP TIPS \*\***

Being intentional and making the most of your time together

**Remember people are indwelt with the spirit – expect them to have something to bring – most just need permission and clarity, and yearn for depth.**

* **WELCOME:** Have fun, involve everyone, keep it moving
* **WORSHIP:** Deliberately LEAD people into stepping out – most people appreciate specific guidance and feel released to know how to participate (e.g. let’s read a Psalm together and use the words to help us worship, let’s listen to this song, let’s sing now, let’s have a time of prophecy and hearing from God, if you feel you want to start a song please do). Encourage gifts!
* **PRAYER:** Weave into all you do, respond to things as they come up and help people by being specific (e.g. let’s all go round and pray shorts prayers thanking God for a particular characteristic
* **WORD**: Some folks would not have been there on Sunday – don’t; worry too much about recapping, just dive into questions. Splitting people into pairs/small groups with specific question and a time frame usually brings out the best discussion and involvement of everyone.