

Small Group Material - Fruitfulness on the Frontline

The Big Picture - Col 1.15-20

NB - set up the video in advance. Details below for access through St Mary's account with LICC. Also, have copies of the FOFL card produced by St Mary's.

Welcome (5 - 10 mins) Your Frontline is the place where you spend significant time through the week in contact with non-Christians. Where is your 'frontline'? ie, Where do you spend significant time through the week in contact with non-Christians?

Worship (5 mins) Sing or listen to 'Indescribable'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IIVfkY5q54>

Turn to prayer, praising Jesus for who he is.

Word Read Colossians 1.15-20 (15 mins)

In this hymn-like passage, Paul declares Christ's supremacy over the entire universe in order to set the scene for the very practical teaching that follows.

1. Which words are repeated numerous times in the passage? What does this tell us about Jesus' lordship?
2. As Christians, we believe that we have been reconciled individually to God through Christ's death. How might v19-20 expand our understanding of God's work of reconciliation?
3. Many in today's society believe that faith should remain private and has nothing beneficial to contribute to workplaces, politics, family life or society in general. How might the fact that Jesus made everything and died to reconcile all things, change the way we see our frontlines?

Using the Video:** (Total of 30 mins))

A. Play film to pause point after Peter's Story (approx 5 mins). Then discuss, in what ways has Peter been fruitful?

B. Resume film to end (approx 8 mins). Have FOFL cards in front of you.

Having been introduced to 6 expressions of fruitfulness, consider the following questions:

- How does the 6M framework broaden your understanding of what it means to be fruitful?
- On a post-it note, each write down the 'M' that you feel you are strongest at. Can you think of an example of this 'M' in action on your frontline to share with the group?
- Reviewing the group's post-it notes, where are the group's strengths? Where might you pray for particular growth over the coming weeks?

Witness

Pray for one another to have an increased awareness that God is with each of you on your frontline this week and that Jesus is Lord in those places, whatever happens.

Pray for each of you to have eyes to see where you are already being fruitful on your frontline and for greater confidence in God's promise to be at work in us.

Pray for the impact of this series on the life of the whole church.

** To access the FOFL videos, the user can go to the product page on the LICC website (<https://www.licc.org.uk/product/fruitfulness-download/>) and add the digital download to their basket. In the checkout section, you can then enter the coupon code which will allow you to access the videos without being charged (Coupon code: stmarycnfofl12).

Once the checkout process is completed, the user can find the videos by going to Menu -> My Account -> My Digital Content on the website and it should be on that page. If the user has any problems with this, they can contact LICC at mail@licc.org.uk and we'll be able to fix any technical issues they are having.