

Reflection questions:

- On a scale of 1 to 10 how would you rate your conversation skills?
- How good are you at keeping the other person talking?
- What percentage of the talking do you do in the average conversation?
- Why did Jesus ask questions in conversations?
- Do you think asking questions would be a useful approach in talking with non-Christians?



Messy Church – Sunday 28 September. Theme: Who is the Holy Spirit? Does anyone have any empty fizz bottles we can use for Messy Church on Sunday 28 September please? Labels off would be very helpful please. Also is anyone available to help either set up for the meal or clear up afterwards? Thank you in anticipation. Susan

Companion Diocese Sunday - Today, Sunday 14 September is “Companion Diocese Sunday”. This is an opportunity to focus on and pray for our Companion Dioceses of Singapore and Malaita. There is a desperate need to improve the facilities at Trinity School of Theology and Mission. Brochures are at the back of the Church with more information about what to pray for and to consider donating towards.

Mission Month - Your giving total for Allan and Christine was \$500 & \$400 for the Corin's.

An Invitation to Chopsticks and Chips-Presented by a team from OMF International, the theme is Loving My Neighbour (from another culture), building bridges across cultural and religious differences in the 21st Century. The presenters are Rev David and Rosemary Harley. David is a former Director of OMF International and principal of two Bible Colleges, and with Rosemary has had extensive cross-cultural experience. Children's programme available for ages 5 to 12. Saturday 1 November 12.00-3.00pm at the Orangerie Room, Monaco, Nelson. \$25 for lunch and seminar. RSVP by 10 October to tania@nzkiwi.net.nz or phone Barbara Doig 547 7281

Garden Trail - Plans are well in hand for our Garden Trail on Saturday 15 November. Your response to our Wedding Gown appeal was overwhelming; you will all be contacted nearer the time. Be aware we shall need items for sale on our baking, plant, pre-loved Christmas decorations and craft stalls. We also have another of Joan's beautiful quilts and our Home Group baskets to raffle. Garden Trail Admission Tickets \$10 each will be on sale from the Mall or Committee Members from mid-October. As a tribute to Caroline lets make it our best Garden Trail ever. Thank you. The Garden Trail Team.

Richmond Waimea Minister's Association - On Saturday 27 September between 8.00am – 12.00pm there is a time of prayer at Richmond Community Church in Warring carpark. Please come and pray for our community, our nation, our world. Especially we will be praying for our churches' unity in mission. Prayer ministry will be available for you or others. Come for as long or as short as you like. See Susan for further information.

Dreams - Explore the richness of your dreams as a way of listening to God presented at Parish Centre, William St, Richmond on Saturday 20 September 10.00am - 3.00pm. Cost \$30. Contact Karen on 544 0551. Bring own lunch and your own dream.

Mobility Scooters - RSA have mobility scooters available at a reduced rate of \$10 a month for those in need. Ph 544 4079

Help - Would you like to look after 2 friendly finches for 2 weeks? Contact Margaret Silke Ph. 544 7448

Micah's Living Below the Line - From 6-10 October I will be participating in the Live Below the Line challenge. LBTL is a challenge in which participants live below the global extreme poverty line (NZ \$2.25 a day) in regards to what they eat for five days. I am doing the challenge to support the World Vision Children of War Rehabilitation Centre in Gulu, Uganda. This centre works to rehabilitate former child soldiers from the Lord's Resistance Army and reconcile them with their families. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to support me donations can be made online at www.livebelowtheline.com/me/micahd or they can be made offline to me in person.. I can be reached at 544 6495 or youth.onhill@xtra.co.nz.