

## **Circuit Service - Order of Service**

13<sup>th</sup> September

Dr. Bart Woodhouse and Ebbsfleet Community Church

1. Welcome (Bart Woodhouse)
2. Opening prayer (Sarah Ford leading)
3. Testimony interview with Bart and Michael. Michael, a 27 year old new member of Ebbsfleet Community Church, share how he found Christ at the Alpha Course last year.

### 4. Sermon:

Looking at 2 Corinthians 5:17-21:

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:[a] The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin[b] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- The Gospel is powerful to transform lives today, as Michael has shared.
- It is as true and potent today as it was in Wesley's day and in the early days of the church.
- People need to here that they can become a new creation, be forgiven and set free, and experience now the coming new creation.
- We are Christ's ambassadors. As citizens of the new creation, the Kingdom of God, we become a mission, an outpost of the Kingdom in a foreign and fallen world. We embody and live out the rule of Christ, showing the world what the Kingdom looks like, sounds like, and behaves. We operate under the culture and authority of a coming Kingdom, imploring people "on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God".
- Be encouraged that people are finding Christ today, and if we surrender to our role as ambassadors, and we pray, we will see countless others reconciled to God, and born again into the new creation.

5. Testimony interview with Dani. Dani is 30 years old and a new mum who also found Christ as her Lord and saviour over the course of the last year, cemented and confirmed by her time on the Alpha Course. See is also a new member of Ebbsfleet Community Church.

### 6. Lord's Prayer

### 7. Closing prayers