

Connect group notes - One Step Beyond

Week 1 - Taking a step when life seems stuck

Start talking....

When was the last time you did something for the first time?

Start discussing....

We are looking at the power of taking steps....

Sometimes we get stuck in life and taking steps is hard....

- What areas of your life have you found yourself stuck at times?
- What steps did you take to move forwards?

ML King said, '*Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase*'

- When have you done that in your life, taken a faith step when you couldn't see the whole staircase?
- How did it feel? What were the outcomes in your life and maybe in others? What did you learn about you, life and God?

Read Joshua 3 v.1-5

- What strikes you from these verses?
Try to place yourself in the camp of people waiting to cross over....
- What do you think is going through your mind when you hear these words of instruction?
Now think of your life right now.....
- When do you find it the hardest to take steps of faith?
- What helps you take steps of faith?

Start applying...

- Right now can you identify a step of faith you want to take? What will you do about it?
- How can we help each other take steps forwards during this season?
- We all know people who don't know Jesus, what can we do to encourage them to take a step towards God?
- Who can you invite to Alpha when it begins on April 21st?

Start praying...

Having identified steps of faith, pray for each person in turn, take time to speak into their lives and encourage them with scriptures, words of encouragement etc...

Going deeper....

When God calls us to take a step of faith He promises to be with us as we do!

Look at the following passages of scripture and try to identify how this process works, what we do and what God does....

Isaiah 43 v. 1-5

Hebrews 11 v.8-12

Matthew 28 v. 18-20

What's one 'take home 'for you from these verses and the discussion?