

Knowing Your Community



Presenter:

Street Pastors

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Learning outcomes

You will:



- see the streets as places of opportunity to help and care for people as well as places to decrease the tension between the 'churched' and the 'unchurched.'
- identify some of the positive messages street pastors communicate while patrolling the night-time venues in their communities
- explore ways in which street pastors can value and honour their communities

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You will:



- continue to develop an understanding of the setting in which street pastors demonstrate the ethos and core values of the ministry
- continue to learn how to model Christ-like behaviours in the community
- understand that it is necessary to look behind the headlines in order to identify the contributing factors to issues such as crime, poverty, etc

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Main Topics



- **Warm-up**
- **The street pastor's response to the streets**
- **Community issues**
- **Observational walkabout**
- **A biblical perspective: Jesus in the community**
- **Taking spiritual responsibility**
- **Conclusion**

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Warm-Up Activity

What's your view of the streets?



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The Street Pastor's Response to the Streets

Class activity and feedback



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The Street Pastor's Response to the Streets

Opportunities to ...	Potential benefits
Say hello to people	Building bridges
Attend to people's emotional needs	Connecting with people
Love our neighbours	Showing Christian love
Show grace before truth	Acts of kindness
Listen to another point of view	Show genuine interest in others

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The Street Pastor's Response to the Streets

Role Play

Reflection



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Community Issues

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Observational Walk-about

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Jesus in the Community

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Jesus in the Community

Examples of Jesus spending time in the community

Location / event	Jesus did...	His actions said...
Wedding at Cana, Galilee	He turned water into wine	Things can change

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Examples of Jesus spending time in the community

Location / event	Jesus did...	His actions said...
Meeting Zacchaeus	He met with Zacchaeus	I don't condemn you.

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Location / event	Jesus did...	His actions said...
The woman at the well	He talked with her	I care about you

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Location / event	Jesus did...	His actions said...
Meeting Nicodemus	He met Nicodemus at night	I will listen to you

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