

**Beyond Church
Doing Life
Being Christ**

EBF Mission Conference

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Conference
Webinars

1900 – 2030

CEST

19th May

2nd June

16th June

Three Webinars

- Beyond Church
- Doing Life
- Being Christ

- Share what God has been teaching and we have been learning
- Share stories but draw out underlying principles and theology
- Consider if/how they apply to your context & learn from each other



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To Work Together to
Share God's Love
with Every New
Community

The New Housing Hub



**A Story -
17th
January
2008**



Baptist Minister's
Prayer Group



A request to
pray for a new
housing area



A call from God
to move and
minister there

**A Call to BE
the Church
BEYOND the
CHURCH**

To be the Body
of Christ in the
neighbourhood
with those who
wouldn't go to
a church

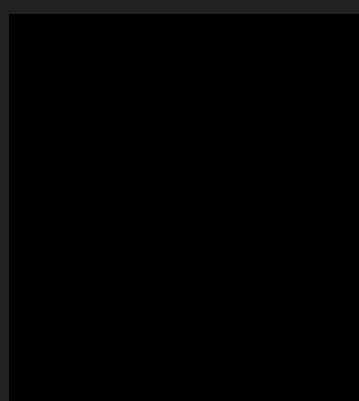
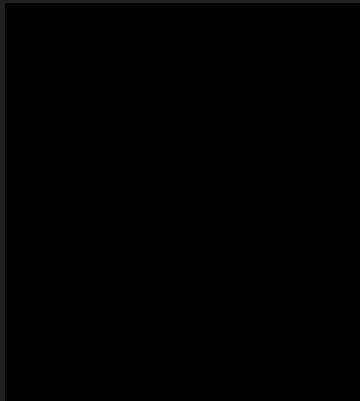
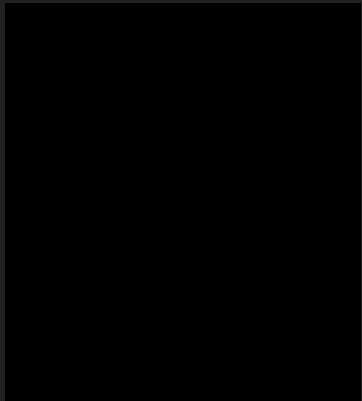
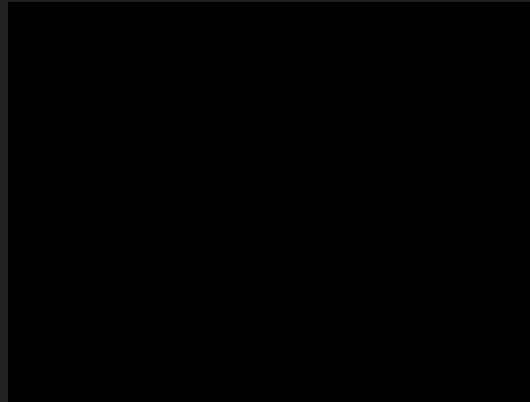
7 Underlying Principles

..there are no missional
structures, only missional *people*.
Stefan Paas

7 Underlying Principles



BLESS
UNCONDITIONALLY



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What is
Church?

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What is
Church?

Called to Bless

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God of Blessing

- i. Blessing is fundamental to who God is – Gen 1:26, 27, 28
- ii. God's relationship with us is one of blessing – Gen 12:1-3
- iii. Blessed for a Purpose – Gal 3:14
- iv. Blessing in Practice
 - Unconditional 1 John 4:19
 - Includes a Spiritual Blessing Ephesians 1:3
 - A Big Vision...worked out in small ways
 - Within the context to which God has called us

God of Blessing

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Genesis 12:1-3

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Unconditional Gift

Welcome Baskets and Visits



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Unconditional Gift

'Don't talk about me'

We Love because he first loved us

1 John 4:19

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Pamper Night
Unconditionally
blessing local
women
Washing feet
Showing Jesus'
love and
servanthood

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Writing words of
peace and
blessing on
neighbourhood
Facebook
pages



Covid 19

A call to bless..
'All things in
common' Acts 2:44
Beyond the Church



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Breakout Groups

- Introduce yourself and your area/context (neighbourhood/town/network)
- What has excited or challenged you about blessing unconditionally?
- What does unconditional blessing look like in your context?
 - A Gift?
 - An Event ?
 - An Action?
- Is God saying anything to you/us?
- Pray that we might be part of blessing all the people on earth in Jesus' name. Pray blessing upon your area/context and the people you are called to love.

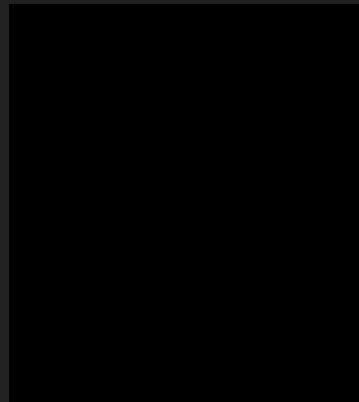
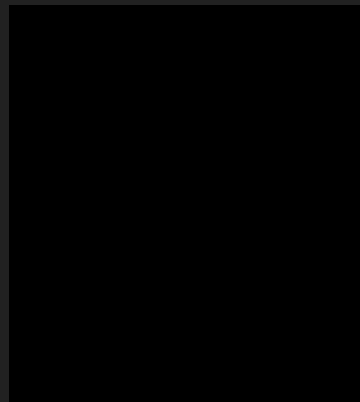
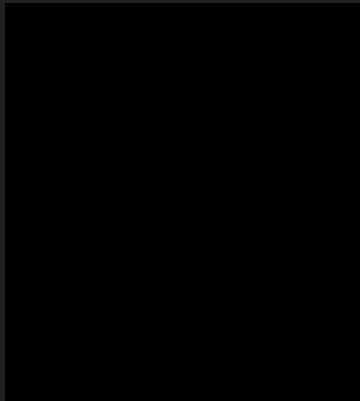
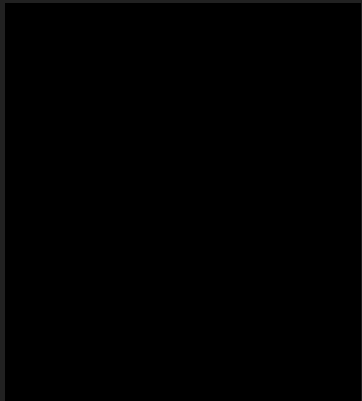
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LIVE
INCARNATIONALLY



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‘The Word Became Flesh
and made his dwelling
among us’

John 1:14

Jesus came lived with
people – had the same
experience

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'Go from your
country, your
people and
your father's
household to
the land I will
show you'
Gen 12:1



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Importance
of 'Living
with' not
'Doing to'



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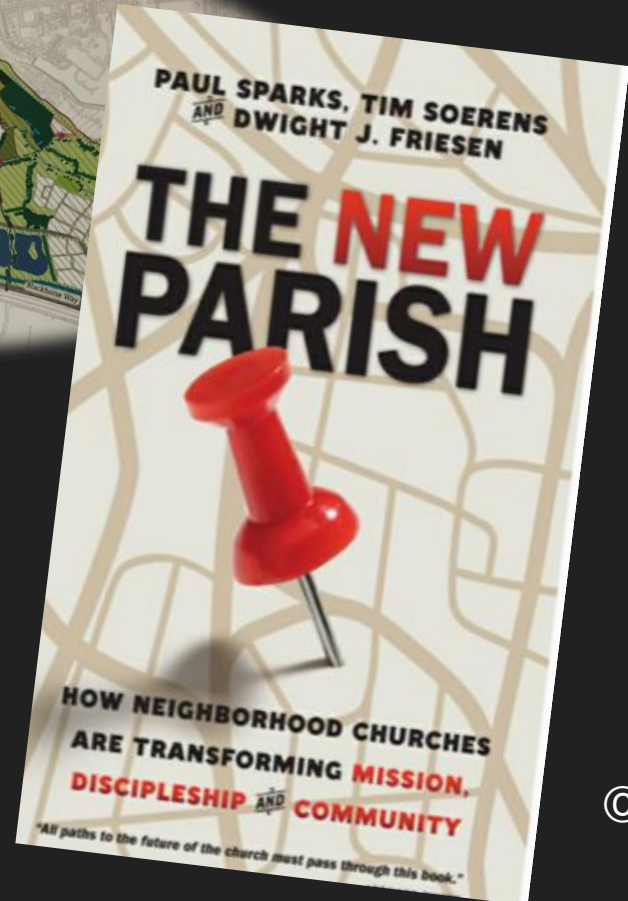
Do not try to call them back to where they were, and do not try to call them to where you are, as beautiful as that place might seem to you. You must have the courage to go with them to a place that neither you nor they have ever been before.
Vincent Donovan



LIVE INCARNATIONALLY



In order to become truly “incarnational”, we must be reshaped by our context



The Type of Neighbourhood

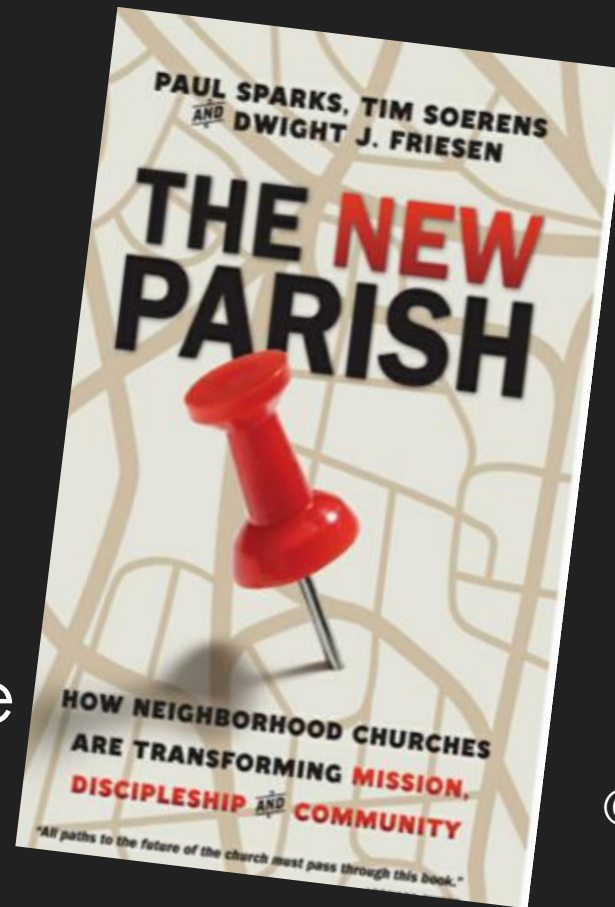
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People and Culture



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Business and Entertainment

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The Events of the Neighbourhood

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Does it make a Difference?

Church leadership and community development in the Urban Village

A case study of East Wichel, Swindon in Wiltshire

Summary of dissertation submitted for the MA Applied Social Research (Built Environment) at the University of the West of England, Bristol, November 2012, Angela Parfitt.

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The Church leader's residence within the community enables her to engage with community as a resident and community builder, and working in partnership with stakeholders allows understanding of the community's needs from a range of perspectives

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Divine intervention?

Concluded that the greatest impact on growing positive community was the 'church'

Breakout Groups

- What has excited or challenged you about living incarnationally?
- What does living incarnationally look like in your context? What are the difficulties of being part of your neighbourhood/town/network that God has called you to love?
- Is God saying anything to you/us?
- Thank God for sending Jesus to live alongside us on earth. Pray that we might have strength and wisdom to share life with people beyond the church encountering God together.

**A Call to DO
LIFE alongside
people
beyond the
church**

To live life and
be friends with
those beyond
the church and
to join in with
what God is
already doing
through his Holy
Spirit

**A Call to BE
CHRIST to
those beyond
the church**

To embody
God's love, to
continue Christ's
ministry in the
power of the
Holy Spirit in
actions and
words