



“Follow Me”

A Whole Church
Discipleship Adventure

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Jesus Shaped People is a Whole Church Discipleship Adventure that:

- ▶ Recognises five priorities that Jesus modelled in his three year ministry.
- ▶ Helps churches explore these priorities in enjoyable and practical ways.
- ▶ Inspires churches to reshape themselves in response to this in practical ministry.
- ▶ Has a special focus on including children and young people.
- ▶ Helps churches evaluate their progress and maintain their Jesus Shaped focus.

Churches that adopt Jesus Shaped People have:

- ▶ Recovered confidence in the Gospel
- ▶ Discovered new vision, depth, and purpose
- ▶ Found new ways of engaging with their local communities
- ▶ turned around negative mindsets and uncovered 'blind spots'
- ▶ Attracted new members and seen people coming to faith.

JSP challenges churches to evaluate themselves against the life of Jesus, mostly using the Gospel of Mark. It urges them to be more strategic in adopting his methods, and to view this as the key measure of 'success'.

It invites them to believe that as they reshape their life and work that Jesus will fulfil his promise *'I will be with you always to the end of the age.'*

JSP can be relevant to all churches, and especially to churches in social housing estate communities and areas of high social disadvantage.

Resource materials are available for Sunday worship and small groups – including sermon notes, group leaders notes, prayers, worship ideas, and a wide range of resources for work with children, young people, and intergenerational ministry.

Churches wanting to explore adopting Jesus Shaped People should contact the JSP team (details overleaf)

THE JESUS SHAPED PEOPLE 15-WEEK ADVENTURE

PEOPLE

1. Out on the Streets

We go to people, rather than expecting them to come to us. *Mark 3.1–12*

2. People on the Edge

We reach outside our comfort zone to people on the margins. *Mark 10.46–52*

3. Responding to Real Needs

We scratch where people are itching. *Mark 7.24–31*

TEACHING

4. Capturing Hearts and Minds

We become captivated by Jesus. *Mark 1.14–22*

5. Unlearning

We let go of our false ideas and opinions *Mark 7.1–8, 14–23*

6. Storytelling

We tell stories to speak about God and people *Mark 4.1–20*

TEAM BUILDING

7. Common Purpose

We buy into the 'big picture' together. *Mark 8.27–9.1*

8. Relationship Building

We tackle those things that come between us. *Mark 10.32–45*

9. Training on the Job

We learn from doing Jesus' work. *Mark 6.6–13*

PRAYER

10. Waiting on God

We make space for God in our daily life. *Mark 1.35–39*

11. Balanced Prayer

We use the Lord's Prayer as our model. *Matthew 6.5–15*

12. The Power of Prayer

We see prayer releasing God's purpose and plan. *Mark 9.14–29*

PROPHETIC CHALLENGE

13. Prophetic Action

We call for a new spiritual direction in our society. *Matthew 21.1–17*

14. Social Injustice

We prioritise the poor and powerless in our world. *Matthew 25.31–46*

15. The Way Ahead

We review our JSP experience in the light of Jesus' ministry and look for the next adventure *Luke 4.14–21*



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Churches find that Jesus Shaped People inspires them—and can spark off a process of development following use of the fifteen-week Main Programme. Churches long to build on this foundation as they recognise that becoming ‘Jesus Shaped’ is never something that is ‘finished’.

The JSP Team are keen to accompany churches in their initial adoption of JSP, and later, as they seek to discern what God is calling them to be and do, and how best to be equipped for this.

Churches may want to make use of the growing range of additional JSP resources.

- ▶ **Preparing the Way** explores the work of John the Baptist, and can be used to prepare for the JSP Main Programme, or as a Lent Programme
- ▶ **Spirit Filled Church** is a natural follow-up to the JSP Main Programme. It explores how the five ministry priorities of Jesus are reflected in the Acts of the Apostles.
- ▶ **JSP Lite** is a six week ‘refresher’ for churches that want to renew their JSP focus.
- ▶ **Cross Shaped Jesus** looks at the significance of Jesus’ death. It can be used in Lent.

We also have a growing range of resources that extend the Five JSP Priorities for churches that want to focus on one or more of these. More information is available on the JSP website.

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