**WOODLANDS CHURCH**

**October 6th 2019. Winner**

**Discussion notes: Soul Winner. Proverbs 11:30. Luke 10:2**

After our series ‘Loser’ we are embarking on a month of vision where we want to reinforce some of our key values about living the Christian life well, running the race to win. In the paradox and tension of following Jesus we are both losers and winners as (our September series emphasised). Just as Jesus won a victory by being crucified, there is a victory for us to win!

A central value for Woodlands Church is that we are a ‘Soul Winning’ Church. As Jesus points out crowds of people as a harvest field in which he sends his followers as labourers (in Luke 10) we believe he says the same thing to us about the people of our day.

To ‘win’ people to the cause of Christ is a privilege and a calling. It does require strategy, wisdom however (Proverbs 11:30). You need to be winsome to win some!

1. Why is it important that people are brought to faith in Jesus?
2. What are the biggest obstacles for the people you know, to come to faith?
3. What is the biggest obstacle for you (honestly) in being a ‘soul winner’?
4. Does Woodlands Church have a strategy for ‘soul winning’? Can you describe what it is? What would your part be in such a ‘corporate’ strategy?
5. Do you have some people you are intentionally praying for and seeking to lead to faith in Jesus? Can you share those names with your group? Do you have a personal strategy for faith sharing with them, and can you describe it? Or do you trust that through prayer God will be at work in their lives?

For many Christians the idea of faith-sharing and witnessing is an unwelcome chore. It feels like a duty that one is ill equipped to carry out. For many of us it runs counter to our cultural values to seek to influence what we see as personal and private beliefs.

Conversely most of us know that the influence of a Christian believer introduced us to faith which is both deeply precious and an eternal foundation for our lives. The challenge to be a soul winner ourselves remains. Let’s ask for the heart and wisdom of God in this call so that we get to share in the joy of the harvest. Can you group begin to pray and strategies about how it can happen?