**WOODLANDS CHURCH**

**January 28th 2018. UP IN OUT**

**Discussion notes: OUT Matthew 28:19**

The earthly ministry of Jesus was to ‘the lost sheep of Israel.’ Yet in his teaching and lifestyle Jesus always demonstrated a priority for those on the edge, those on the outside, those who did not belong. His ‘famous last words’ to his followers were to go, to all nations, all people groups.

1. How important is it to you personally and to Woodlands Church to prioritise people who don’t yet ‘belong’ or have a relationship with Jesus?
2. Why do Churches so easily become introspective and rather blind to people who don’t yet belong?
3. How does the ‘OUT’ focus actually help the ‘IN ‘ of Community?
4. What is the difference between ‘Going’ and inviting people to ‘come in’? Which do you feel confident about?
5. Does a small group or pastorate have a particular mandate or opportunity to reach out? If so, how and to whom?

Could it be that you could design your small group to reach the people you are most able and motivated to reach? What would that look like in 2018?