

STORIES AND QUESTIONS

Two things that Jesus was well known for was telling stories and asking questions. It seems to be his preferred teaching style – and it's easy to see why: a well told story can write its way into your memory banks, reshaping not just what you know, but who you become. As the story becomes part of you, you feel that you've become part of the story too!

Similarly, asking (or being asked) the *right* question is an invitation that holds the power to change the course of our lives.

With this in mind, what questions arise for you from the good news stories on these pages?

What might God be wanting to say to us?

The challenge to see God at work

I want to see churches, in our Post-pandemic world, asking themselves: what is life-giving in their communities?

The challenge to start from where people are

Am I really willing to deeply engage with the questions and fears of those seeking faith?

The challenge to step out in faith

Am I being critical, or am I being part of the solution?

The challenge to change our structures for the sake of the gospel

How much of what we do can find its roots in the Great Commission?

The challenge to serve others in love

What are we, as a church, known for? How can we be known for loving people?

The challenge to sacrifice for the call of the Kingdom

What do I need to let go of in order to create space for the work of the Spirit?

The challenge to seek the lonely and hurting

What parts of our community are missing from our church?

The challenge to serve together in the mission of Jesus

How can we get involved and let others get involved in what God is doing among us?

Having read the stories in this edition, Baptist minister Jonathan Vaughan-Davies offered these questions to aid our reflection, along with the prayer poems overleaf.