



## Ordinary People

- Do we come to people as "experts" delivering a service or as fellow travellers walking alongside? How do we ensure we maintain that posture?
- Are we open to being authentic and vulnerable about our own journey and experience?
- Are we able to talk about what God is doing in normal, everyday language?
- Are we aware of our limitations and able to signpost people to more specialist care when that is necessary?

## Making known

- Do we aim for every pastoral encounter to draw someone into a closer walk with Jesus?
- How do we get the balance between weeping with those who weep and bringing Godly hope into every situation?
- Do we invite people to give their lives to Jesus if they haven't already done so?
- Does all of our pastoral care point people to Jesus as the only one who can meet their needs or do we inadvertently allow people to become dependant on us? How can we avoid this?
- Does our pastoral care naturally and normally include prayer and drawing in truth from the Bible?

## An extraordinary God

- Do we make known a God who is extraordinarily good, extraordinarily forgiving, extraordinarily grace-filled, extraordinarily kind....?
- Are we open to God speaking to us supernaturally about the person we are pastoring?
- Do we see prayer ministry as a natural part of our pastoral care?

## Come as you are

- Are we able to offer love and care that is unconditional and without judgement?
- Are we clearly making known how to access our pastoral care provision to people coming in to the church?
- Do we leave people feeling valued and cared for by making every pastoral encounter other-focussed?

## Join in

- Does our pastoral care encourage and challenge people to engage more fully with the life of the Church?
- Are we fostering a culture in which every member of the church sees themselves as a care giver to others?
- Do we have effective pathways to enable new people to become involved in the formal side of pastoral care?

## Be transformed

- Does our pastoral care embrace every aspect of life, bringing together the practical and the spiritual?
- Are we prepared to guide people through their need to repent, forgive, apologise and receive God's promises and truth for their lives?