

**God sends: A People Like Us
Sunday 1 October**

God equips and sends his people to take the whole gospel to the whole world

Jesus said (John 14:15-18) 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'

God comes to us, to make his home with us by his Holy Spirit. This is what equips us. God lavishes his love on us and pours out his Holy Spirit on us for a purpose: so that we can take part in the great mission of God.

Acts 4: 8-20 We read that Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit – God had come to him, to make his home with him. When God sends us – he equips us with his Holy Spirit – we are not alone – ever!

1. God sends us – as people who are loved, and equipped by him

Is Jesus asking us the same question today as he asked Peter? Do you love me?
How do you respond?

2. God sends us – to the unique set of people we know

...they were unschooled, ordinary men who had been with Jesus.

When the research company ComRes asked non-Christians if they knew a practising Christian – 73% said yes – someone who is a friend or family member. Another 15% said it was an acquaintance... (see talkingjesus.org for the data)

God sends ordinary people like us to make Jesus known to our friends and family.

... 41% of non-Christians who know a practising Christians say that the Christian they know has NEVER talked with them about their faith in Jesus...

What stops us talking about Jesus with the people we know?
What can we do about this?

3. God send us – to be overflowing with his love as ambassadors to the world

Who is God calling us to pray for and to speak to about our Christian faith?