

# Joyfully trusting, following & sharing Jesus

1. What is God's purpose for your life? Try and write it down in a few sentences.

## Read Colossians 1:28 - 2:7

2. What is the goal of apostolic ministry in v28? What do you think this looks like v2-3?
3. From v6, what is the essential foundation for Christian maturity?
4. To press on to Christian maturity we are to 'walk in him' (v6 ESV) or 'continue to live your lives in him' (v6 NIV). What do you think this means?
5. The pathway to maturity:
  - 'Rooted and built up in him' v7
  - 'Established in the faith, just as you were taught' v7
6. 'Christian maturity is about learning to joyfully trusting and following Jesus in every area of life'. Do you agree? Why / Why not?
7. The ultimate goal or purpose for every person is 'to glorify God and enjoy him forever' according to the Westminster Confession. Do you agree? Does this change the shape of your answer at question 2 above?

## An Establishing Church

8. We want to be an Establishing Church: establishing believers in a lifelong journey of living out their trust in Jesus. How do the five means of growth aim to assist this? (One service, one small group, one ministry, personal reading and prayer, engaging in evangelism).
9. What would it look like for our church to be establishing these people in the faith?
  - Someone new to the faith – just recently converted?
  - Someone who seems a bit stuck in their Christian life? They know things but don't seem to have any joy in the Lord or engage in any service of his people?
  - Someone who is growing in understanding and godliness?
10. What opportunities do you have to contribute towards establishing people in the faith – helping them in joyfully trusting, following and sharing Jesus. You can pray 1:9-14 for them!