

# Growth Teams

**Week Beginning  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

## **Growth Team News**

Growth Teams are back after their half-term break. However, this week is a special as we reflect on Jesus' great commission in the light of St. Luke's 140<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

Whilst the daytime Growth Teams are continuing as normal, there are no evening Growth Teams this term. However, our Old Testament Course with Robin Plant will be on Tuesday evenings, beginning on 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Going deeper**

In a number of places Paul describes his aims and mission to those he is writing to. In this section he stresses that he is not just about 'winning people for Christ', but he is seeking to present people, 'fully mature in Christ.'

## **Read Colossians 1:24-29**

6. How does Paul feel about his work?
  
7. What does Paul do in order to achieve the aim of presenting people 'fully mature in Christ'?
  
8. How does Paul's aim to present people 'fully mature in Christ' compare with Jesus's command to 'go and make disciples'?
  
9. What for Paul is exciting about the word he preaches? In what way if any does that make you feel excited about God's word?
  
10. What motivated Paul to 'strenuously contend...'?

***Now do the applying it to our lives questions...***



**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever.**

## ***What Kind of Church does Ramsgate need?***

**Matthew 28:16-20** (page 1001)

*Space to take notes on the talk*

### **Starter question**

- ❖ What kind of church would your next door neighbour say Ramsgate needs?

### **Responding to the talk**

1. What one point from John Dunnett's talk do you think our church most needs to hear?
  
2. Read Matthew 28:16-20, *The Disciples*
  - a. What has just happened to the disciples?
  - b. Why did they worship Jesus? Why did some doubt?
  - c. Do the disciples seem ready for a mission to the world?
3. Read Matthew 28:16-20, *Jesus*
  - a. What key things do we learn about Jesus from this passage?
  - b. How does Jesus's last action in the gospel mirror his first (3:13-17)?
  - c. How does what we learn about Jesus encourage us to work for God's mission today?
4. Read Matthew 28:16-20, *The Mission*
  - a. How is what Jesus says different to saying, 'Get lots of people to come to church'?
  - b. What do you think the disciples felt would be hardest to achieve in Jesus's commission?
  - c. What do you find most challenging about Jesus's commission?

*You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.*

### **Applying it to our lives**

10. What might we do to help each other have a deeper sense that Jesus has 'all authority in heaven and on earth'?
  
11. What might we as a church need to do differently to be increasingly the kind of church that 'makes disciples of all nations'?