

Extravagant Sowing session I notes

Opening question

How good or bad are you at gardening or looking after houseplants?

Worship

Read Psalm 33, or listen to a suitable song or hymn.

Pray our diocesan centenary prayer:

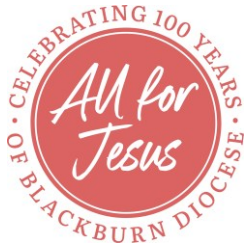
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in our Centenary year
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Send the Holy Spirit to give us
confidence in our witness,
generosity in our service,
and love for our neighbours,
that your Church may be renewed
and many come home to you,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Teaching

Watch session I of the Extravagant Sowing course

Questions for discussion/ reflection

- Who sowed the seed in your life to help you find faith in Jesus?
- Was invitation part of that story?
- Have you ever had a go at inviting others to church? If so, how did it go?
- What kinds of things might stop you from inviting for others?
- How might we make it easier to do so?



Application

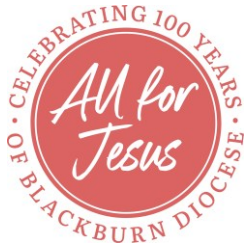
Look at the resources on pages 6,7 and 26 in the [mission weekend booklet](#). Spend some time thinking about how you can use those resources ahead of the mission weekends in September.

Closing reflection

Read Acts 1:8, and ask for the Spirit's power to help you be more confident in sharing your faith with others.

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Extravagant Sowing session 2 notes

Opening question

If you were granted three wishes, what would they be?

Worship

Read Psalm 24, or listen to a suitable song or hymn.

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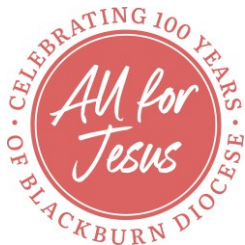
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Teaching

Watch session 2 of the Extravagant Sowing course

Questions for discussion/ reflection

- How often do you pray?
- What kinds of things do you pray about?
- Do you pray for people to come to faith in Jesus?
- Why is it important that we do that?
- Why does God care about those we know and love finding faith in Jesus?
- How can we commit to pray for people to come to know Jesus?



Application

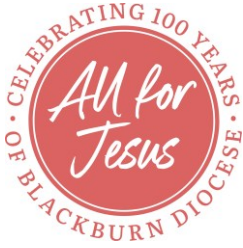
Look at the section on prayer on pages 8 in the [mission weekend booklet](#). Spend some time thinking about how you can use those resources ahead of the mission weekends in September. How can your church pray for people to come to faith? How can you personally commit to doing so? Can you pray daily for five people? There is a prayer on page 26 in the booklet that you might find helpful.

Closing reflection

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Extravagant Sowing session 3 notes

Opening question

What's the best story you've ever heard or read?

Worship

Read Psalm 95, or listen to a suitable song or hymn.

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Teaching

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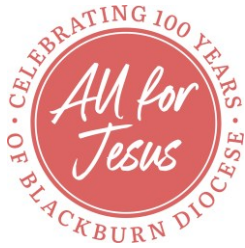
Questions for discussion/ reflection

- Have you ever tried doing this?
- If yes, how did it go?
- If not, why not?

Application

If doing this alone, use the template below to plan out your story and commit to sharing it with a person you are comfortable with to practice.

If you are doing this in a group, give each group member 5 minutes to prepare using the template, then ask people to share their stories with each other.



<p>What was life like before you became a Christian? If you were brought up in a Christian family attending church, what was that like?</p>	
<p>Describe the moment or season in your life where you made a commitment to Jesus and where your faith became real?</p>	
<p>What impact has your faith in Jesus had on your life? What might you say is the best thing about being a Christian?</p>	



Closing reflection

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