

# DAY 16:

## TO BRING LIFE

*Psalm 36:9: For you are the fountain of life, the light by which we see.*

*John 10:10: The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

Jesus didn't evangelise the masses, he brought life to towns and cities.

Many times we confused this to mean 'taking our towns for God.' Yet, Churches don't take their town for God, they lead the town into life through generous love, outrageous acceptance and overwhelming forgiveness.

They learn how to wash the feet of their city; bending low for fresh grace and finding it in the face of the lost, lowest and least. Throwing parties for single parents, tackling domestic violence, being at the centre of adoption, serving schools, providing volunteers for other agencies.

This is not about winning people FOR Jesus or leading people TO Jesus, instead loving people WITH Jesus and allowing His glorious generous life to spill into them. 'In Him is life' and that life lights up our towns causing them to come alive in every way.

Bringing life to a town is the task of every believing community. The Church has not fulfilled her mandate until the town experiences life. This is more than individual transformation, our gospel is big enough for the whole town.

The Church needs to make visible the beauty and glory of God throughout the entire town and she will do so by moving beyond the building and giving her life compassionately, generously, creatively and resiliently to lead the town into life.

*"The Church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the Church. The Church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence." (Eph.1:23 MSG)*

**WRITE DOWN SOME LIFE GIVING WORDS OVER OUR TOWN:**

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