

Deanery and Discipleship - the 'verbatim' comments, written on flipcharts by representatives from across the Deanery on the subject of being a Disciple - captured at the June 2014 Consultation Evening held at the Winchester Vineyard as part of the process for creating the Winchester Deanery Mission Action Plan

Adult disciples	Course to enable people to 'explore' i.e. Pilgrim
Adult disciples	Food and hospitality
Adult disciples	Welcoming newcomers to the neighbourhood
Adult disciples	Annual All Souls/Memorial services/events to share similar circumstances
Adult disciples	Invites to 'social' services (BTC)
Adult disciples	Invite baptism families back
Adult disciples	Course/reassurance re the 'how' of evangelism - identifying how people are at their best in evangelising
Adult disciples	Go to Diocese days of teaching (more ones for lay people)
Adult disciples	Lent course on discipleship
Adult disciples	Celebrate where there is multi-generational contact and build on that
Adult disciples	Encourage more Christians to become teachers and volunteer for youth organisations e.g. Scouts
Adult disciples	Other demonimations and faithers are better at reaching out/drawing in - how can we learn from them?
Adult disciples	Hospitality as a way of inviting people into relationship with God
Adult disciples	We need to be savvy about using IT as a means of making our faith accessible
Adult disciples	Affirming 'chaplaincy' as engagement with others
Adult disciples	Overcome the expectation that growing disciples is just the job of the clergy!
Adult disciples	Developing relationships that occur in the course of events by listening, talking - regular opportunities and praying so that expression of the faith may grow
Adult disciples	Have course such as Pilgrims Courses available - laity to grow in confident in their own faith
Adult disciples	How do we engage with the invisible congregation - i.e the people who don't go to church but believe it is a good thing - concerts/visitors books etc. People who pop in.
Adult disciples	Seeking to offer nurture to those who already come - and pre-church - on the edge of christianity
Adult disciples	People want to be alone sometimes - don't want a hug
Adult disciples	All souls and Easter - come and dedicate a lily - write down a name of a loved one. Do you want us to mention your loved one in a service?
Adult disciples	Fellowship groups (house groups)
Adult disciples	Use email for anon prayer requests
Adult disciples	Workshops with a spiritual theme
Adult disciples	Invitation to join church services e.g. after a funderal/prayers said etc
Adult disciples	Coffee Church - chats - e.g. costa and bible chat
Adult disciples	Offer a Psalm to a sick person - lovely to be read to
Adult disciples	Being good news and speaking good news are equally important
Adult disciples	Team about give time, talent treasure
Adult disciples	Let God do God's work. They are afraid that if they put their toe in the water they may well get dragged under. How do we show this is no so?
Deanery at the centre	Clusters - link churches, share resources, link to schools
Discipling ourselves	Support in moving from friendship to discipling
Discipling ourselves	We need to be growing disciples ourselves before we can grow others
Discipling ourselves	As churches we need to be intentional about growing ourselves as disciples
Discipling ourselves	Growing leavers - mentoring and 1:1
Discipling ourselves	Find out how our congregations are being disciplined - what is happening?
Discipling ourselves	Evangelism course - my story - helping pepole to be confident in sharing their faith story
Discipling ourselves	Encouraging talents - everyone in church contributing = stewardship of gifts
Discipling ourselves	Supporting christians on their frontlines in their workplaces.
Discipling ourselves	Mirroring Jesus / Reading the Bible / Serving / Support

Discipling ourselves	We are all different kinds of disciples - help us understand how we can all work together
Discipling ourselves	Understand that as individuals we engage in different ways with God, each other and our communities
Discipling ourselves	Understand that sharing faith is not just about preaching, it is also living our lives
Discipling ourselves	Run personal evangelism course
Discipling ourselves	Educate people on what an authentic disciple is and does
Discipling ourselves	How can we build the laity's confidence to share their faith - empowering the people in the pews!
Discipling ourselves	We need to be confident to share our faith
Discipling ourselves	We are disciples what do we need to support us?
Discipling ourselves	We need to be talking about our faith outside of the service
Discipling ourselves	Join together with other churches
Discipling ourselves	We have to show people that we are 'ordinary' people
Discipling ourselves	Personal statements - courageous - wear a cross
Discipling ourselves	Encourage the existing congregation to 'do' church where they live/work - might mean fewer 'services' and more information gatherings e.g. housegroups over a meal etc
Discipling ourselves	Talk about faith as we would about the weather
Discipling ourselves	Learning from each other about what works or touches people
Discipling ourselves	"Why am I a Christian?" - an evangelism course - helping people to be ready - help people to think about how God has worked
Discipling ourselves	How can we build people's confidence to live and speak their faith, not just leave it to the vicar?
Discipling ourselves	Speak up for the things we believe in - children/families