

## Questions for discussion following Harvest 2019

What does it look like to be a church that is reaching out to the lost?

Harvest Now; Harvest How?

1. In John 4; 35, 36 Jesus is warning his disciples about thinking there is a later time that one has to wait until the work of harvest is done. (The phrase 'yet 4 months until the harvest' was often used as an excuse for procrastinating in the culture of his day). Place yourselves in one of the disciples' shoes – how would you respond to Jesus words to open your eyes and look at the fields which are already ripe for harvest? What might that mean for us as his disciples in our context?
2. God is always ready to gather people into his arms of love. The parable of the lost son (Luke 15) describes the Father not only looking out and reaching out with love to his son but gathering him back into the household (family/oikos). Describe your experiences, good and bad, of this happening to you.
3. What biblical examples can you recall where food and drink has been part of the journey into God's salvation eg Zacchaeus, Wedding at Cana, Last Supper, Heavenly Banquet etc
4. The question was posed in the service as to whether knives and forks might be among the tools for gathering the harvest God is wanting to reap at CCD. How might this happen in the future – on a small and a big scale?

Please do feedback your ideas and pray that the Holy Spirit would lead us in his ways for the sake of those not yet part of God's community of love.