

Passover Meal—have you ever celebrated a Passover Meal? At a certain point the youngest child asks ‘Why is this night different from all other nights?’ Children are also involved in searching for the lost ‘aphikomen’. In what ways can we learn from this Jewish meal, the precursor of our Holy Communion and make it more inclusive, celebratory and educational?



It takes the whole world
To know the whole Christ

Session 5: Reaching New Generations.
In this session we will think about how other Christian Communities in different settings from our own reach and nurture new generations and what can we learn from them.



Book Links.....
Distinctly Welcoming by Richard Sudworth (Scripture Union)

A prayer of Welcome
*Lord God, you have brought us together in partnership.
You have caused us to depend on each other.
We thank you for this.
May we use this opportunity to discover each other.
Open our hearts to see the problems and needs of our partners,
Strengthen us as we give and receive,
sharing material and spiritual gifts.
We commit ourselves to You as we go journey together,
United with one another in Your love. Amen*
Gustrow Cathedral; Christian Höser (2013)



Making Links....

Did you manage to see how you could be involved in discipling—both giving and receiving?

Might your church use one of the discipleship models we discussed?

Bible Links...

Deuteronomy 11:18-19 How does the Old Testament say that we reach new generations?

Psalm 78:1-8

v8 speaks about previous generations not being faithful in the context of helping the next generations to hear about God's 'trustworthy deeds'.

In what ways has our generation (and those before us) not been faithful to the call to make disciples?

Companion Links...

Team of 9 invited to go from Lichfield Diocese to Matlosane to run Sunday School Teacher Training workshops.

<http://matlosanematters.blogspot.co.uk/>



Reflection

It was reported in the Guardian in January 2014 that at a conference on Church Growth, it was said that the average age of the members of the Church of England was 62. <http://bit.ly/1hflzUv>

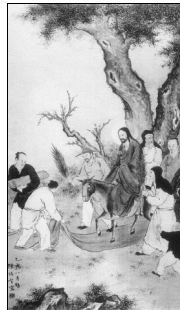
In the City Harvest Church, a Pentecostal church in Singapore, the average age is 30 with 39% below 25.

Or from a different source: The Average Anglican is black, female, under 30, has 3 children, lives on 2 dollars a day, walks 3km for water, is related to someone with HIV/AIDS, and is evangelical.....

How does the group explain this?

Local Links....

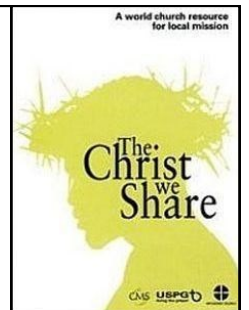
- Lee Plummer at Riverside Church, Telford, has made links with the local Chinese church and also the local Ghanaian church and they have joint Sunday School activities together.
- Could you develop school to school links through Link for Life, our Companion Links or the Board of Education scheme with schools in Western Kenya?



Prayer Links.....

Show 'The Jesus We Share' video or make a selection of slides from the resource and set it to your choice of music.

As you watch... use it as an opportunity to pray for the world church.



Personal Challenge;

- Think of three things your church could do to reach out to the next generation.