



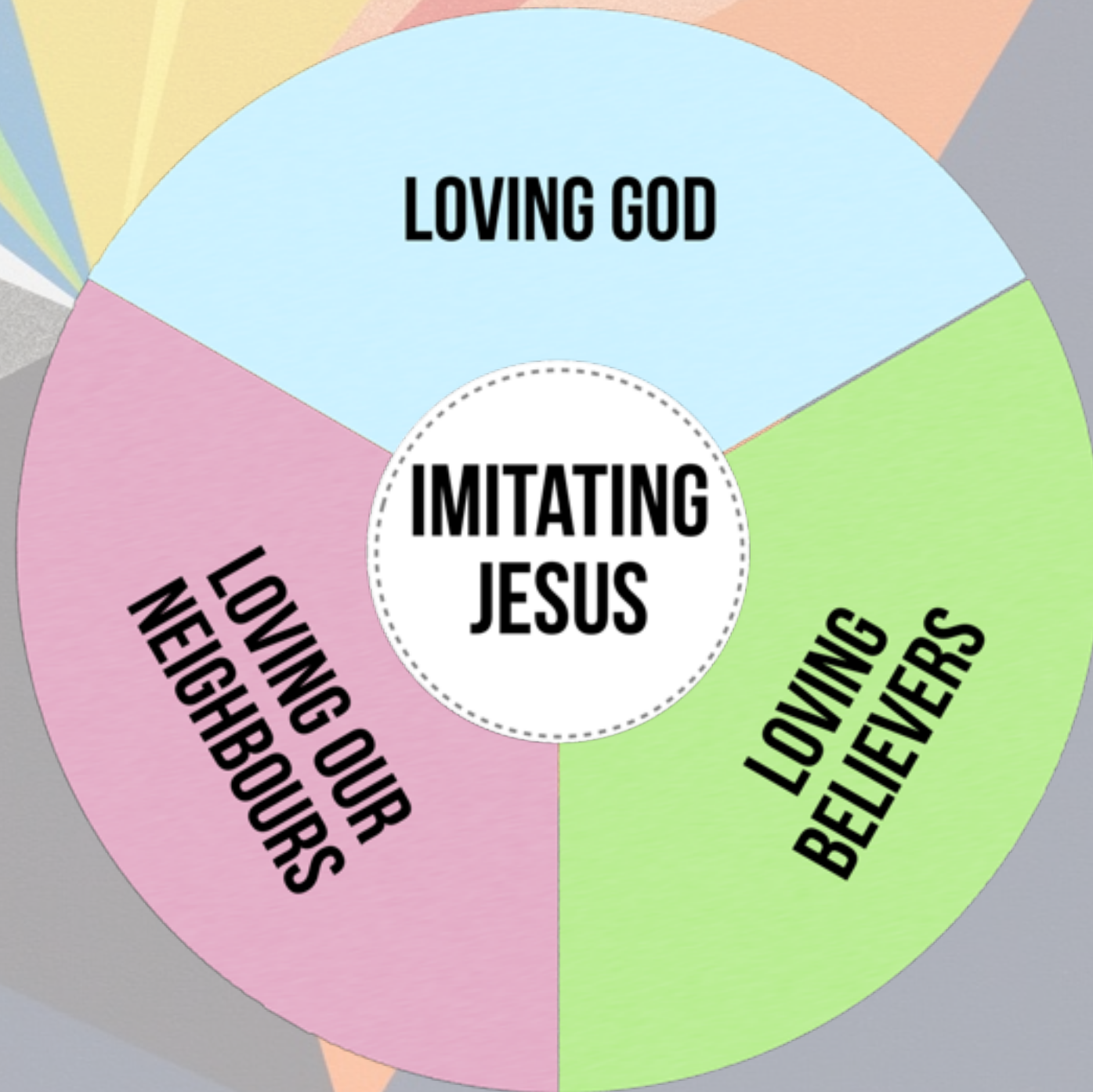
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SERMON SERIES
2014-2015

DISCIPLE-MAKING





**IMITATING
JESUS**

christmas

Advent

lent

easter

pentecost

ordinary
time

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

THE SEASON OF LENT

大齋節期

The season of Lent is a time of self-examination, self-denial, self-giving, selflessness, penitence and preparation for Easter. The forty days of Lent reminds the followers of Jesus of the forty days that he spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan.

大齋節期是預備復活節前自審，自我否定，自棄，無私，懺悔的時間。大齋節期的四十日提醒耶穌的追隨者耶穌在曠野的四十日，被撒旦試探。



Life can be beautiful, good, joyful and holds the possibility of unspeakable wonder.

However, we also know that life can be uncertain, unjust, dark and runs the risk of being terrifyingly meaningless. In this highly reflective series on Ecclesiastes, we will explore the challenges of our transient lives and discover meaning in the midst of uncertainties.



DO LENT
GENEROUSLY

Join the movement
18th February 2015
40acts.org.uk

Ash Wednesday Service

18th February 2015

7:30 - 9:00pm

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Service planning

Vapour: Wake Up and Smell the Coffee

Ecclesiastes 4:1-10:20

Read Ecclesiastes 4:1 - 10:20. What are the key themes in this passage?

What songs, bible passages and interactive elements can you think of that could help your congregation engage on these themes?

How can you help your congregation express what it means to be a christian community, especially in light of these themes?

What focus would you like your congregation to have as they leave the service and enter into the world?

Service planning

Vapour: Wake Up and Smell the Coffee

Ecclesiastes 4:1-10:20

Key Themes:

- Taking an stock on life - what is the value of your toil?
- What are your possession for?
- What are the things that matter in life?
- What do you hold on to? What is secure?

Movements of a service

GATHERING God's people

Engaging with the **WORD**

Celebrating the **GOSPEL**

SENDING God's people

Service planning

GATHERING God's People

- Bring in coffee beans for everyone to hold and smell
- Images of the stock market and Housing market situation

Songs:

- All I once held dear
- Cornerstone
- Jesus Be the centre

Service planning

Engaging with the **WORD**

- Choose which life stage or area is most suitable for your congregation.
- Give space for wrestling with meaning
- Is the writer prescribing to you the correct response to life, or challenging you find your own response?
- Do not be too narrow in finding our answers.

Service planning

Celebrating the **GOSPEL**

- Sharing from Prayer of Three groups
- giving our lengths of string/rope to congregation and ask them to plait these into a cord of three and taking that opportunity to pray for those around them.

Service planning

SENDING God's people

Challenges:

- Keep your eye open for people around you who are toiling in work and are in a rut. Find ways of extending a hand of friendship and a listening ear.

Service planning

what a service could look like...

- 11:30** **welcome:** Give out coffee beans and cords. Ask congregation and smell the coffee and explore that metaphor whilst presenting images of the stock market crash.
- 11:40** **Songs:**
All I once held dear, Cornerstone, Jesus be the centre.
- 12:00** **Bible reading and Sermon:** (Select key verses)
- 12:40** **Frontline sharing by POT**
- 12:50** **Engaging with forming a three strand cord and prayer**
- 13:00** **Benediction and close**