

Building God's People - Dominic Steele April 2006

I Welcome and Prayer

2 Jesus goals Matthew 16

a *Jesus is building his church 18*

- i building his church (cf Acts 19:39, 7:38, Hebrews 2:12)
- ii on what rock ? 4:20, 14:28-29, 16:16; 26:27 vs 14:30-31, 16:22, 26:40-41, 26:33; 26:69-74,
- iii gates 18 c

b *Jesus has given the keys 19 cf Luke 11:52*

- i Peter to bind and loose
 - loose Acts 2:14-29, esp 2:45, 3:11-26
 - bind Acts 4:11-12, 8:20-23
- ii more than Peter cf John 20:23
- iii discipline cf 18:18

c *work on the building site*

- i we are Jesus' building site.
 - incomplete
 - out
 - up
- ii image ->expectations
- iii I Corinthians 15:58

3 Our goals for the next ten years

a **Build** God's People

b **Reach** the neighbourhood of the media and the district

c **Impact** the nation

4 Our goals for the next 40 days

- a **Grow** significantly together in spiritual maturity
Building a Great Life series: Faith, Service, Purpose, Commitment Sacrifice
- b **Give** to extend our church building
- c **Deepen** our community bonds
- d **Thank** God for the extraordinary way that he has blessed us

5 Individually playing our part

- a **Growing** and encouraging others to grow in spiritual maturity (large group, small group, individually)
- b **Giving** joyfully and sacrificially to extend our church building – at our June 4 Gift and Pledge Sunday
- c **Share** your own story through the headings of faith, service, purpose, commitment, sacrifice
- d **Thanksgiving** to God at our special church Thanksgiving banquet on June 2

6 Speaking to others

- a **Informally:** Be on the lookout for conversations
- b **Formally:**
 - i The individual pack contains
 - Opening Letter from Dominic
 - Church Survey
 - Individual Devotions: Faith, Service, Purpose, Commitment, Sacrifice
 - Building God's People Brochure
 - Building God's People DVD
 - Frequently Asked Questions Sheet
 - Personalised Gift and Pledge Giving Commitment Card
 - Personalised Response Envelope
 - ii What to do with the individual pack, Goals: Grow, Raise, Deepen, Thank
 - **Grow** - Church Survey – in a friendly way work through the survey/pastoral care form
 - **Give** – watch the DVD, answer any questions raised, talk about your own thoughts and hopes here
 - **Share** – your own story through the headings of faith, service, purpose, commitment, sacrifice
 - **Invite** – extend an invitation to our church Thanksgiving Banquet on June 2.
 - **Thank** – God for the privilege of being part of building his people

4 Some guiding principles

a What will we **not** do:

- i We will not pressure 2 Corinthians 9:7
- ii We will not mix giving with personal promotion.
- iii We will not sell junk.

b What we will do:

- i We will show how everyone can give something Luke 21:1-4
- ii We will ask people to joyfully sacrifice

5 What responses can we expect?

a There will be some who will give – no matter what we do.

b There will be some who will never give – no matter what we do.

c Some will give, when they catch a vision.

- i Because they have understood Jesus model of joyful sacrifice
- ii When they catch a vision Proverbs 29:18
- iii When they see an example Hebrews 13:7, 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
- iv When they have been asked to give
- v When we show them ways to give

6 What's it going to take?

a We will need to pray every day for God to help us grow

b We will need to involve everyone in our church

c We will need to be willing to sacrifice

d We will need to give over and above regular giving

e We will need to be creative

7 What am I asking of you today? Daily Personal Prayer, Everyone Involved, Joyful Sacrifice, Over regular giving, Creativity

8 Prayer