

# LEVEL UP +1°

## WEEK 1: LEVEL UP IN OUTREACH • 20<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2016

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1. Take some time to talk about the concept of outreach temperature. Where are you at right now? What has contributed to this? How do you want it to change?
2. What are the things that would raise your outreach temperature (e.g. testimonies) and how can you get more of that? What are the things that cool it for you (e.g. being too busy) and how can you get less of that?
3. Look again at Matthew 9:35-38. What do you learn from Jesus about reaching people? What might need to change in your life as a result?
4. How does the following quote affect your view of outreach? *“Imagine what would happen if all Christians showed up in their culture with fewer words, and with ears eager to listen.”* — Doug Pollock, God Space (2009).

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## WEEK 2: LEVEL UP IN PRAYER • 27<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2016

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1. Returning to week 1 of Level Up, what have you learned about your own outreach temperature over the last week?
2. Read Luke 11:1-13 again. What insight have you had this week that was new for you? What is going to change because of this?
3. What have you learned about prayer in your own life? What works well for you? When do you find prayer a struggle?
4. Share about a time or situation when you saw God answer prayer? What did you learn?
5. What would change in your life if the people you are praying for became followers of Jesus?

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## WEEK 3: LEVEL UP IN INVITATION • 4<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2016

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1. Take some time to talk as a group about what changes you've noticed in your life over the course of the Level Up series? What's been encouraging? What have you found to be the biggest challenges? How can you overcome these challenges?
2. Take a look at John 4:25-30 & 39-42. What do you notice about the power of story in changing people's perspective of Jesus?
3. As you reflect on the role play during Sunday's message, what did you learn? What would you want to include in the stories that you share? What would you do differently?
4. What examples have you thought of that demonstrate the power and presence of God in your life? Why not share them with the group to encourage one another.
5. Have a look at Luke 14:15-24 again. What might need to change in your approach to life group, worship services and other settings to ensure that there is always more room for people new to faith?

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## WEEK 4: LEVEL UP IN BOLDNESS • 11<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2016

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1. When you think of courageous or bold people, who comes to mind? Movie stars? Book characters? People you know? What makes them courageous?
2. Jesus describes the light not only as a city that it seen but as a lamp that gives light to everyone in the room. (Matthew 5:15) What difference is there between these two. What impression might a life lived as a light leave on other people?
3. On the basis of what Jesus says in Matthew 5:13, what things can cause us to lose our saltiness?
4. Think about the salt and light chart - involved and distinct - where can you see the need or opportunity to move more along one or both of these scales?
5. Look at 1 Timothy 6:18. What does a life look like that is lived in this way? What ways can you see to put your faith on display with good deeds?
6. What would Wellington begin to look like, how would it change, if our whole church community responded to Level Up?

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### WEEK 1 // OUTREACH

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*Raising the outreach temperature*

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## QUESTION

What is your outreach temperature and what is one thing you can do to raise it by 1 degree?

## VERSE

*Jesus replied, "We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came." — Mark 1:38*

## PRAYER

God, show me today what needs to be opened in my life so that you can use me to share your love with others?

## TRY

As you look at the calendar, what are some opportunities that you or your family could use to spend time with people far from God?

## CONVERSATION

As you consider people in your life, what are 1 or 2 questions you could ask that invite them to open up on a deeper level?

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### WEEK 2 // PRAYER

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*Practical ways to pray*

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## QUESTION

To what extent do the prayers I pray demonstrate that I believe the God of the impossible will answer?

## VERSE

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. — 1 John 5:14-15*

## PRAYER

Jesus, give me insight into who you are that my expectation of what you can do would be increased.

## TRY

Which of the practical examples of prayer from Sunday could you start to try out today?

## CONVERSATION

As you talk with people far from God, why not ask if there are ways that you could be praying for them?





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*Sharing your story*

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## QUESTION

To what people and places is God sending you where you can invite people to know Jesus?

## VERSE

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit,  
to sustain me. — Psalm 51:12*

## PRAYER

God, let there always be room in my life and my church for more spiritually disconnected people to hear about you.

## TRY

Write down 1 or 2 stories that demonstrate in around 100 words how God's power has changed your life. It could be salvation, healing, provision or something completely different.

## CONVERSATION

What is going on in the lives of people around you? Genuinely listen to their circumstances and challenges. How can this influence the way you share stories of what God has done in your life with them?

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### WEEK 4 // BOLDNESS

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*Lives that point to Jesus*

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## QUESTION

If your life was a billboard, what are the messages that the people around you are reading? To what extent do they point people to Jesus?

## VERSE

*Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. — 1 Peter 2:12*

## PRAYER

God, I believe that some people are ready to respond to Jesus. Please bring them across my path today so that I can help lead them to you.

## TRY

Make a gift or do something for a neighbour, colleague or another family as a practical example of God's grace to them.

## CONVERSATION

Using the practical steps from Sunday, practice sharing the gospel with a friend from church and leading them through a prayer of salvation.