



# Mission Strategy

...MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE

 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Norwich

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup> He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup> Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup> Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. <sup>5</sup> 'When you enter a house, first say, "Peace to this house." <sup>6</sup> If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. <sup>8</sup> 'When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. <sup>9</sup> Heal those there who are ill and tell them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

LUKE 10:1-9 (NIV)

# REIMAGINING CHURCH REFLECTION 5

## Listen: What is our Church?

Read Luke 10:1-9. Notice what strikes you - a word, or a phrase or an image. Keep 5 minutes silence. In 2s or 3s share one thing that struck you from that passage.

## Celebrate: What are we like?

v.3 Jesus said "Go!" In what ways are we going to our parish? How is our church like a lamb? What are the wolves that threaten our mission and ministry?

## Imagine: What could we be?

v.5-6 We are proclaimers of God's peace. What might that peace look like in our parish? When we 'go' we will meet people of peace outside the church. Who are those people in our parish, how would mission with them change what we do?

## Empower: How do we become?

v.8-9 If we go to those outside the church how would accepting their hospitality change us? What do we need to do to become healers of community? How will telling of the nearness of God's kingdom transform us?

## Next Steps

Try another 'Reimagining Church Reflection' card, or if you're ready work through each section of 'A Guide to Reimagining Church'. Keep a record of your discussions, what you do as a result, and what happens.

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