

Life Group Notes

Sunday 20th November 2022

Speaker: Matt Partridge & Sean Green

Title: Appointing & Commissioning Sunday

Passage: -

Catalyst: Matt Partridge

Matt spoke to us about the importance of being part of an apostolic family of churches. We partner with Catalyst on mission and training, and receive encouragement and oversight.

Beyond Reading: Middle East

We commissioned a family to move to the Middle East to learn language and culture. As a Church we listened to their story then collectively 'laid hands on them' to commission them.

Appointing Deacons: Romans 16v1-2

Phoebe was a deacon of the church Cenchrea. The church in Rome was called to warmly welcome, honour and assist her. As a Church we collectively laid hands and appointed on 6 new deacons.

Appointing Elders: Read Acts 14v21-23

Elders were appointed in these new churches to ensure they remained true to the apostle's teaching and endure the hardships (persecution) that come with the gospel. As a Church, we collectively laid hands on and appointed 2 new elders.

Suggested Questions:

1. What do you think the room layout achieved by being so different for this occasion?
2. How does being part of Catalyst keep RFC healthy?
3. For those of us who stay, how can we best support our 'Beyonders'?
4. In what ways are deacons and elders complementary leadership gifts to our church?