

<u>Life Group Notes</u> <u>Sunday 14 May 2017</u>

Speaker: Sean Green **Title:** Joining the Dots

Sean started by feeding back from his recent trip to Ukraine where he worked alongside Andrey Bondarenko. Andrey and his wife Natasha will be with us on Sunday 25 June. Sean then spoke to help join some of the dots of what God is doing in our church:

- **#1 Our first home**. Following the sale of the Redlands Rd site, Sean encouraged us to keep believing God for our first home. That said, we are not to lose sight of the fact that we are the temple of God; we are living stones being built together. God building us together is of much greater importance than a physical building.
- **#2 The Spirit is moving** in fresh ways. Hearts are being revived. Increasingly, the affections & appetites of RFCers are being turned towards to God in ever greater measures. This can be evidence by listening to the conversations we're having and the choices we're making.
- **#3 Prayer.** Sean reminded us that we not going to be a mono rail church (a church elevated because of human ingenuity). Whilst we are relatively well organized, resourced and led, that is not going to be the sole track we move forward on. We all need to be committed to us being a twin track church (a dependence on God expressed through prayer, this is the second track). There is a growing appetite for prayer in the church which we all need to receive.
- **#4 Catalyst.** We are part of a network of churches called Catalyst (which is part of newfrontiers). Through this network the elders, deacons and staff receive encouragement, teaching, training and serving opportunities. God is calling RFC to play a significant role in this network.

Read 1Thess 5v14-22 as this frames these dots beautifully.

Suggested questions:

Which 'living stone' that seems disconnected, can you reach out to?

How have you experienced the Spirit over the past month?

How would you describe your appetite for prayer?

What do you know about catalyst/newfrontiers?

Please prayer for the one another to encounter the Holy Spirit.

