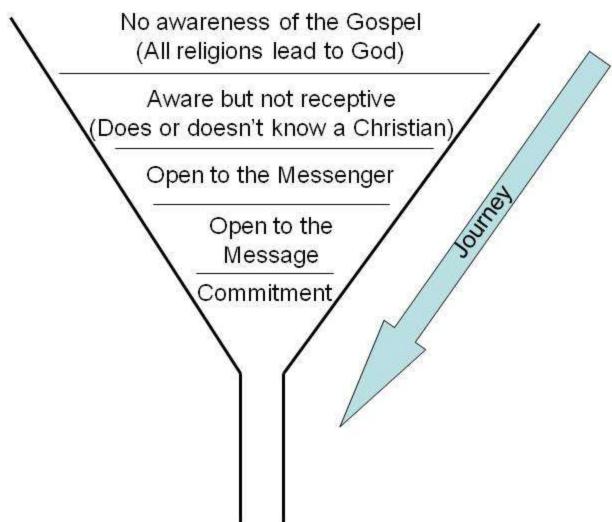


### Study of people, in the UK, who became Christians in the last ten year, 80% said the process took two years.

# The Funnel



On the Green Asking "How to" Questions Active Sharing

> Near the Green Actively Curious Active Wondering

In the Fairway Apathetic and Disinterested Active friendship

Tee Opposed or Resistant Active Kindness



## The Good Samaritan

Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. "Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?"

- He answered, "What's written in God's Law? How do you interpret it?"
- He said, "That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbour as well as you do yourself."
- "Good answer!" said Jesus. "Do it and you'll live." Looking for a loophole, he asked, "And just how would you define 'neighbour'?"

Jesus answered by telling a story. "There was once a man travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man. "A Samaritan travelling the road came on him. When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable.

In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, and 'Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I'll pay you on my way back.'

"What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbour to the man attacked by robbers?"

"The one who treated him kindly," the religion scholar responded.

Jesus said, "Go and do the same."

Luke 10 v 25-37

### VALUES



#### JOINING GOD'S MISSION

We accept that God's mission in the world is wider than evangelism but we believe that we fail to take people seriously if we do not seek to offer them appropriate opportunities to meet and follow Jesus. We accept that most people meet God on the road to Emmaus rather than the road to Damascus—that they come to faith over an extended period of time, without very much drama. Our missional values are designed to challenge the tendency to sit back and wait for 'something amazing' to happen that willdo the job for us.

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