

Introduction

- Suggest we inherit some of how we expect things to be/operate in the church from other groups:
 - sometimes explicitly, sometimes implicitly...
 - journey of being aware of our inherited ideas, so we can build something that is "fit for purpose" - of bearing witness to Jesus Christ in, our case, Dundee in 2012...
- Explore a number of things that might be influencing our thinking about what church is about this evening...

Compare the Church of today with other groups...

- Club
- Charity
- Courts
- Organisation or Institution
- Lecture
- ???
 - eg campaign group or political party
 - social service

Compare the Church of the past with other groups...

- Government
- Army
- Hermit, Haven or Escape - eg monastery
- ???

Compare the earliest Church with other groups...

- Rabbi and disciples
 - Luke 6:27-31, 40
- Family
 - Luke 8:19-21 (mother and brothers)
- Friends
 - Luke 15:9-17
- oikos or household
 - 1 Timothy 3:12-15
- ???

Closing reflection

- What shedding of models do we have to do?
- What picking up on the depths of models do we have to do?
- *We are identifying work to be done, areas to pursue, rather than fully developing things yet...*