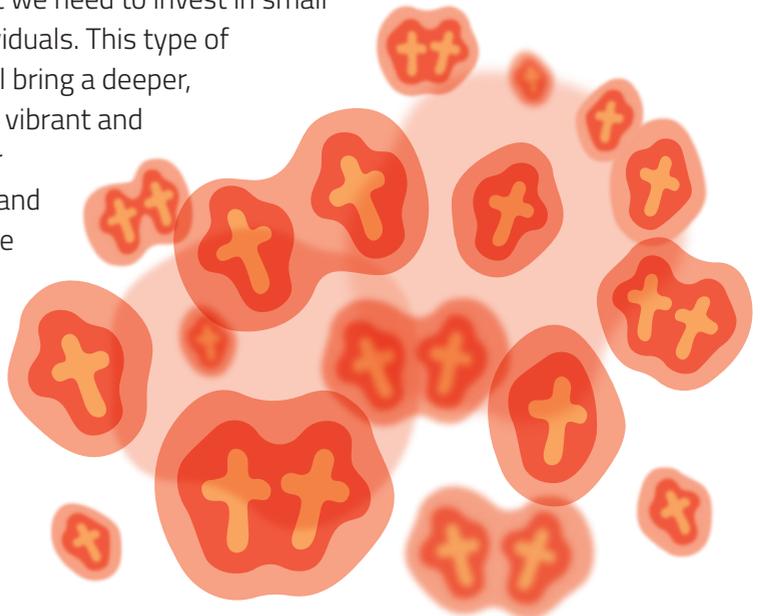


Small means big!

While I was in the US I spent time with a good friend of mine who was speaking about how we should invest in young people on a small scale rather than on a big scale. he wasn't saying don't 'think big' or have big events. He was saying consider how you can do small groups, have 1-to-1's with young people, encourage mentoring relationships. The idea being that this purposeful and personal investment can bring great rewards. Jesus spoke to the crowd, called the 12 but really invested in 3. My friend then asked me "would you rather have £1million pounds now or 1p a month that gets doubled every day?" Maybe like me you thought about this for a while and then thought the million pounds was the best offer. Well, like me, you would be wrong. 1p doubled every day over a month would give you £10,737,418,24!!!!

So upon returning from my trip I have been reflecting on this idea but also many of the thoughts that were coming out at the conference I attended in Atlanta, we should be speaking to the crowds and calling the groups, but we need to invest in small groups, in individuals. This type of investment will bring a deeper, stronger, more vibrant and real faith in our young people, and that can change the world!



Thanks...

- **Connections:** Mike had a truly amazing time away in the US. He made some great friends and also attended what he described as 'the best training conference I have ever been on in my career'! Pray for Mike as he works out how to use what he has learnt to grow 267 and resource the local church. Thanks for safety during travel and for looking after Kirstie and Zach while he was away
- **FUEL:** FUEL continues to grow and be amazing place where young people can strengthen their relationship with God but also refine and exercise their gifting
- **Xsite:** We have been supporting Xsite in Harpenden for a few years now and it has been a real joy. Working with around 8 churches on this energetic and fruitful ministry has been something we were always keen to grow elsewhere. So we are 'excited' to be joining with a bunch of churches in St Albans to see if we can launch an event in the autumn. Give thanks for great church unity.
- **Ministry:** So many things to give thanks for – 267 trustees, Tracy, Claire and Katherine, 267 breakfasts, The Haven, working with amazing leaders, Fuel Team, STEP, Younglife, Youthscape. Please do give thanks for them too as they really, really, really do bless the ministry of 267 in so many impacting ways
- **Fundraising:** In February we had our annual Fundraising Wine Tasting Evening. Around 95 people attended and a team of over 15 young people and 12 trustees and supporters helped organize, set up, host and clear away. We were truly inspired to see everyone, particularly young people from our Fuel gatherings, work so hard and with a real sense of joy. As it stands we believe we raised over £8000 which is humbling, mind blowing and so generous. Thanks to all who came and donated and thank God for giving us these connections



Please...

- **Weekends Away:** In March we are taking away those in school years 3,4&5. We have 43 kids booked on which is truly amazing. We, thankfully, have 15 leaders!. Pray for us as we have fun, teach about 'fear and freedom' through 3 bible stories. Pray for safety on our activities and during our exploring outside. Pray also for Chris and Anthony Harris who are our cooks for the weekend. Pray for Claire, Becki and Jennifer who are doing the talks.
- **Weekends Away:** In May we are taking away those in school years 6,7&8. Pray for our planning and for youth leaders to use this opportunity to take their young people away. 267 believes that time away with our groups is such a great thing to do and is often a time of strengthened relationships; between one another and between the young people and God.
- **Weekends Away:** In April Mike is speaking on the weekend away for young people from Christ Church Baptist. Pray for wisdom and time to pray, plan and prepare. Talks are on Zacchaeus and The Woman at the Well.
- **The Haven:** Claire and her team are continuing to run the monthly support group for teenagers struggling with anxiety and stress. Pray for these gatherings, particularly for more to take advantage of what The Haven offers. Pray also as we approach a year of running The Haven for wisdom about 'where next?'
- **Fuel:** This year in Fuel we are looking at some of the most powerful and challenging encounters Jesus had. We will be using Mark's Gospel. Pray for Katherine as she prepares to speak at the March Fuel. Pray for us as we gather together and that more youth groups and more young people can be blessed by this ministry. Pray for FUEL Team as they takes time to think about our 'welcome' at these events and including new people in what we do.
- **Xsite:** Pray for a group of us from St Albans who are gathering each month to see about bringing Xsite to 2nd venue in the St Albans area. We have got provisional dates for the autumn but still have some thinking to do.

Some scripture that is encouraging us at the moment:



Ephesians 6:19 – Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.

Diary

● Thursday 8th March –
The Haven at High St Methodist
Harpenden, 4.30pm – 6.00pm

● Friday 9th March –
Katherine meeting her mentor Lahna

● Friday 9th March – ‘Friday Fiasco’
Youth at Markyate Baptist

● Monday 12th March
– 267 Safeguarding Training

● Monday 12th March
– 267 Trustees meet

● Tuesday 13th March
– Kids Workers Lunch at
Christ Church St Albans, 12.30pm

● Wednesday 14th March
– Xsite Harpenden Planning

● Thursday 15th March – The Haven at
St Paul’s St Albans, 4.30pm – 6.00pm

● Friday 16th- Sunday 18th – Weekend
Away for years 3,4&5 at Phasels Wood

● Tuesday 20th March
– Youthscape Volunteer Training day
Youthscape Luton, 7.30pm

● Thursday 22nd March – ‘Generous’
Cathedral Youth Event planning

● Sunday 25th March – FUEL
at Christ Church St Albans,
7.00pm – 9.00pm

● Friday 13th – Sunday 15th April
Mike speaking at Christ Church Baptist
Weekend Away

● Tuesday 17th April – Mike speaking at
Urban Saints Team Gathering

● Wednesday 18th April
– 267 Trustees meeting

● Thursday 19th April
– The Haven at St Paul’s St Albans,
4.30pm – 6.00pm

● Sunday 22nd April
– FUEL at High Street Methodist
Harpenden, 7.00pm – 9.00pm

● Tuesday 24th April
– Youthscape Volunteer Training day
Youthscape Luton, 7.30pm

● Thursday 26th April – Xsite St Albans
(brand new event!) planning

● Wednesday 2nd May – 267 Breakfast
at St Paul’s St Albans, 9.30am

Some other important dates for this term...

4th – 6th May – Weekend Away for years
6, 7 & 8 at The Academy St Albans

Friday 29th June – 267 Annual
Fundraising Golf Day at Porters Park

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