



In the build up to our 'For Future Generations' pledge days (22nd/29th June) this series will help us consider some of the biblical framework around giving, generosity and investing for future generations.

The first session stems from Geoff's sermon from the 4th May. It is focussed on helping the group consider and share what they think about this project. It references our Bible reading and Vision statement to give context to the project but, unlike future weeks, is not a Bible study.

Begin by asking the group how much they know about 'For Future Generations.' Explain that this series is helping us think about this project and our place in it.

STARTER:

- 1) Buildings tell a story - are there any buildings that are particularly special to you? Why is that?
- 2) When you think about our church building at KPC, are there any parts of it that are special or significant to you? What are those parts saying about God?

Read Matthew 5:13-16

- 3) Our church vision statement begins: *Letting our light shine at the village centre, a house of God's light for all peoples and generations.* What about our building helps communicate God's light? What about our building hinders this work?
- 4) In particular, what about our building helps us welcome newcomers? What hinders this welcome?

If you haven't seen some of the current draft images of what the church might look like, you can find them in the April Parish Magazine, or by clicking the link to it on this webpage:

https://www.kpc.org.uk/Groups/441158/For_Future_Generations.aspx

- 5) What, if anything, fills you with joy about these designs? How do you see this fitting with our vision?
- 6) We talk about this being a place for *All peoples and generations*. What kinds of people do we not see in church? How would church look or feel different if they were present in significant numbers?
How does that make you feel?
- 7) Jesus says 'you are the light of the world.' Our lives, as well as our buildings, are meant to shine God's light. We reflect him and point to him. In what ways do you see people reflecting God's light?
- 8) In what ways have people noticed you shining God's light?
- 9) How does our response to 'For Future Generations' help God's light to shine through us? How does that challenge us? How does that encourage us?

And finally.

Spend some time praying for this project and our response to it. Maybe asking how we feel now towards it, and what might God be saying.

James Thorne, from the For Future Generations project has offered to visit groups if they'd like more information. Do contact him directly cjameslthorne@hotmail.com; 07775 705 636 if that would be helpful.