

Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Ebbw Vale, Wales (Presbyterian Church of Wales) “re-membering in mission”



THINKING ABOUT:
re-membering in mission



WATCH THE VIDEO and as you do ask:

- How is the church in Ebbw Vale re-membering and rediscovering mission?
- The story of Ebbw Vale demonstrates cross-cultural mission, what is it and how might it be relevant in your place?
- How does the church build bridges to its community?



DIGGING DEEPER Read Acts 10: 9-23

Acts 10:9-23 is the account of Peter’s vision of a large sheet from heaven with every living creature and God gave his instruction to a hungry Peter to eat something. But at first Peter was unwilling to eat anything “unclean” but he was challenged not to consider anything unclean which God had made clean. Or put another way to not exclude or reject any that God had accepted.

- What important lessons does Peter learn from his vision?
- What does Peter’s vision say to us about being more inclusive as a church community?
- What new insights does Peter gain about mission following as a consequence of this vision?



MOVING FORWARDS: So now think about how this could apply in your context

- In what ways does John as the minister help people to participate in mission? What is the role of leadership in mission?
- What aspects of church are “dear” or “important” to us which we may have to “sacrifice” for the sake of engaging in mission?

- Peter and the Ebbw Vale community left their comfort zones in mission. What are our comfort zones which God may be asking us to leave?