

TTT – This Time Tomorrow

During a normal Sunday worship service, perhaps once a month, the church leader interviews one of the congregation for two minutes. They ask the interviewee a few questions about their daily occupation, about what they will be doing TTT – ‘This Time Tomorrow’. The questions can be really simple:

- What do you do?
- What are your challenges/the things you are thankful for?
- How can we pray for you?

The interviewees do not need to be the Chief of Police, the CEO of IBM or the England fly half. In fact, even if you have some with an extraordinary role, it’s usually best to start with people doing ordinary work in ordinary places, and to include people whose daily occupation may not be paid, such as a housewife, a retired person involved in a variety of purposeful activities, and those who are unemployed.

This simple practice tends to have a range of transformative benefits:

1. It acknowledges, affirms and honours the interviewee, telling them that what they do every day is important to the leader, important to the church and important to God.
2. As TTT follows TTT month by month, the whole congregation recognises ever more deeply that ordinary Christians doing ordinary things are important to God – even if some people never get to share from the front. These stories and prayer requests become part of the way the church does life together.
3. TTT creates new conversations. It gives people who didn’t know the interviewee an easy way to talk to them, and perhaps to share similar challenges or pertinent insight or encouragement.
4. TTT triggers a new *kind* of conversation. Issues that are often considered to be off the spiritual agenda (work, futility, failure, success, daily relationships, mission in daily life) are validated as legitimate topics for conversation and prayer.

Consider:

- Once you’ve done the interview you could ask others to stand who share the same issues or pressures so they can also be prayed for.
- Getting creative in the way you do the interviews. One church arranged for members to use a small video camera to record their interviews in their workplace which naturally helped people understand each other’s everyday contexts much better.
- Providing an opportunity for people to give testimony to how the congregation’s prayers have been answered in future services.