



AN INTERVIEW WITH **JOSH KINDNESS**

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Highlights of Interview on the "Signs of the Times"

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During an interview on the "Signs of the Times" with Joshua Kindness, he said a number of significant things. Here are a few pieces which will hopefully whet your appetite to listen to the interview:

"We were challenged this past year, as God's people, as the community of God called out as people in this corner of Coventry. We need to be so different from anything else that people come across on an individual basis, at work, as a community, as well as not just being another social club".

"Lots of people have been around church for a long time, and it's changing a mindset".

"I think as a church, we need to have an urgency about going about his business, about equipping the church to be disciple-makers themselves. I think that's gotta be really central. For me, it just gives me a sense of urgency ... Something we've been challenged on is to become different people. It's about coming aside. A lot of the discipleship material doesn't talk much, at the moment, about becoming a different person".

Heart for Justice

"We were reflecting as a team on Micah 6:8 ... I think lots of us had read it before, but never really picked up on the impact of that. I think, for us as a church, we are actively seeking the Lord's face, to say, 'OK, what does this look like for us?' It's not just another social action project, but a real meaningful way of bringing about his justice, and his love and his mercy, in our local context".



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What is real faith?

“James says, real faith is looking after orphans and widows. James says, if your faith has no tangible action that makes a difference in someone else’s life, it’s probably not faith. So in amongst that, we’ve been looking at who is God calling us to become. It’s something that keeps coming to the fore. What about people with disabilities, whether that’s learning difficulties, especially for adults. Through different projects we’ve done in the past, we’ve come across a number of adults with different disabilities, and learning difficulties. Their life is very isolating. They might be cared for, by providing them with finances to exist, but as I say in extremely isolated ways, with no real network, no real friendships. Through the cafe project especially, we’ve been connecting with a number of people just naturally. We got to know them without even trying. I think this is God perhaps laying a foundation for something for us here”.

Becoming More Important than Doing

“I think a lot of times in evangelical Christianity, we look at what we’re supposed to be doing. I think it’s what we should become that is more important, because what we are doing, if we’re not listening to the Spirit, is a waste of time anyway. It’s we’re just doing stuff, making ourselves feel better. I think the signature of Western churches is that it does its own stuff to make itself feel better, and then becomes self-serving”.

Time to Speak Up

“I think God has called the church to speak up. I really feel that, at the moment, that God is calling his church to speak up and if necessary act against injustices, which is always what bothers God, when we don’t”. ♦