# Action ideas
# Interest Groups

GET OUT MORE
CHURCH ARMY SUNDAY 2005

*I'm thrilled to support Church Army's Sunday's theme of **Get Out More**. At **Activate**, we try to suggest ways in which Christians can invite friends, neighbours and work colleagues to spend time with them, so that they can enjoy building those relationships and drawing closer to people, which will eventually bring opportunities to share appropriately about God's love in a very natural way. I pray you will prove the reality of this as you launch out with new initiatives and ideas in September.*

You will find lots of ideas at **www.churcharmy.org.uk/cas** including a number of action sheets produced by Activate. For more on Activate's ministry check out **www.activatecv.org.uk**

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## Mission thoughts

- We did not come to God. God came to us.
- In Jesus, God took on our numanity. He lived and was influenced by a particular culture and time.
- In Jesus not only can we see and understand God, but we have a model on how to do mission.
- Jesus lived and worked among those who were marginalised in his culture.
- Jesus taught and demonstrated the Good News.
- Jesus called people to a new life where they shared in his mission.
- Jesus gathered a new community together.

## Evangelism is ...

- Helping people to discover Jesus.
- Helping people to live the new life in Jesus.
- Helping people to share in the mission of God.
- Helping people to live in community with other Christians.
- Living alongside and being a friend to those who do not share the Christian tradition.
- Going to where people are and gathering.
- Using words and actions.

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**Let's talk about…**
Discussion groups can range from a cosy chat over a coffee or a glass of wine to a great debate about a current hot topic.

Why not begin by inviting people to bring something that makes them feel 'Mad, Sad, Bad or Glad'? It can be anything – a photograph, a press cutting, a poem, a piece of music, a news story … Ask them to be willing to say at least one sentence about it. This is a great conversation starter and the choice of item speaks volumes about the person.

Offer titles for future meetings i.e.
Things Granny might have said ... or lead a more detailed discussion on a specific topic of interest to the group

**Reel-to-Real.**
Invite everyone to bring a film clip (ready lined up) that echoes their world view. To make sure everyone gets a chance, stipulate that each film clip should be 5 minutes max. Any explanation of the clip to be 3 minutes max.

**Craft.**
There's been a renewed interest in traditional crafts. If you are interested in knitting, crochet, embroidery, quilting, card-making, etc., then why not gather a group of like-minded women to meet regularly?

This can easily be done in your own home – but could you consider setting up a session in a residential home and involving elderly residents? Ask at your local home – they'll probably give you a warm welcome.

We hope that this will be a start for you and your church in a new adventure with God.
Please remember the work of Church Army in your prayers and giving.

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