



10 Being Aware of the Wider Kingdom

1. Do you know many churches and Christians in other places? Do you regularly see and keep in touch with and do things with Christians in other places?

Read Ephesians 1.15-23

2. What do you notice about the connectivity of the Christians in this group to other Christians? What does "the church" mean in this passage?

Read Acts 13.1-3

3. What church was Paul with? What did that church have going for it? How did they prove to be aware of the wider Kingdom?

Read Acts 18.2, 18, 26; 1Corinthians 16.19; Romans 16.3-5; 2Timothy 4.19

4. Consider the Christian couple Priscilla (sometimes called Prisca) and Aquila, two of Paul's fellow-workers. Where do we find them? With whom do we find them interacting?

Read Mark 9.38-41

5. John is singled out here, but what did Jesus instruct his disciples about how to treat others who do good in the name of Christ but are not associated with us?

Read 1Peter 1.1-2

6. To whom is the letter addressed? Given that we should see ourselves as exiles in this world, how should it help us to be more aware of the wider Kingdom?