

Sunday 6th September 2026

Frontline Fruitfulness

“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering.” (Romans 12:1 The Message)

Welcome

1. What were the highlights of your summer? What experiences brought you closer to God this summer and why?
2. Where is your frontline? Where do you spend significant time through the week in contact with non-Christians?

There are all kinds of ways to be fruitful on your frontline and therefore all kinds of ways you are probably already being fruitful. Read through the 6Ms with short summaries (over the page).

3. What do you think of the 6M framework? How does it broaden your understanding of what it means to be fruitful? Does it help to see it more broadly?
4. How might you do, or already be doing, each of these things?
5. Which ‘M’ do you feel you are strongest at. Can you think of an example of this ‘M’ in action on your frontline to share?
6. In your group – which Ms are the strongest? (leaders: take note of this so you can revisit it in a few weeks time). Where might you pray for particular growth over the coming weeks?
7. Do the Ms work together (does doing one help with another)? How?

Word

Read Colossians 1:15-20

This passage is part of a letter that Paul sent to the Christians living in Colossae, a small city in modern-day Turkey. As the opening of chapter 2 tells us, Paul is writing to ensure that the believers are not swayed by false teaching. In this hymn-like passage, Paul declares Christ's supremacy over the entire universe in order to set the scene for the very practical teaching that will follow. For us too, this big understanding of the lordship of Christ provides a rich foundation for our daily actions on our frontlines.

8. Which words/phrases are repeated numerous times in the passage? What does this tell us about Jesus' lordship?
9. As Christians, we believe that we have been reconciled individually to God through Christ's death. How might v19-20 expand our understanding of God's work of reconciliation?
10. Do you think it helps to have confidence in what God is and what he can do? Does this confidence help when it comes to thinking about being fruitful on our frontline?
11. Many in today's society believe that faith should remain private and has nothing beneficial to contribute to workplaces, politics, family life, or society in general. How might the fact that Jesus made everything and died to reconcile all things change the way we see our frontlines?
12. Have you (or do you) ever separated your life into 'Christian' things and 'non-Christian' things (sacred/secular) divide (in other words God had nothing to do with certain parts)? Is it easy to see your whole life as an act of worship?
13. In the verses, there's a theme of past, present, future. Past – He created all, Present – He holds all things together, Future – He reconciles all things to himself. Can you see these 3 in the verses?
14. God will reconcile all things through Christ at the end of time. Is it helpful to think about the fact we live in 'in between' times – part of the kingdom but longing for the kingdom to fully come? Does this make our fruitfulness even more important?

One day the kingdom will come in its fulness, but for now we work in God's strength to make our bit of his world as much like the kingdom as we can, through all the things we do each day.

15. God is a god of creativity, beauty, order etc, etc. Thinking about these characteristics and others – does this help to see our daily tasks as important to God?

Praying forwards

- Pray for an increased awareness that God is with you on your frontline this week and that Jesus is Lord in that place, whatever happens.
- Pray for eyes that see where you are already being fruitful and for greater confidence in God's promise to be at work in us.

• In your groups share together in the prayer:

Your kingdom come, Your will be done on my frontline as it is in heaven.

Your kingdom come, your will be done.....

..... in my school, in my office, in my team, in my home, on my bus, in my supermarket, in this task, in my life...

Takeaway Action

- Over the next few weeks keep this sheet handy and refer often to the 6Ms on the back page. Try to recognise when you display one of the Ms and be ready to share this with your group
- If you have this book 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline' by Mark Greene, published by IVP (ISBN 978-1-78359-125-1) – read it again – maybe one chapter a week. If you don't own this book – think about buying it

Something to think about:

What has God been doing in and through you?

Probably more than you think!

What might God do in and through you?

Probably more than you can imagine!

6Ms

Model godly character

In tough times and easy ones, with difficult people and delightful people, how might you manifest the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control? Which one is a struggle for you? Are you praying that you grow in the Christlikeness of your responses?

Make good work

This includes both what we do and how we do it. It means doing good work that serves other people, contributes to human flourishing, and stewards creation. It means doing your tasks consciously for the Lord, in the Spirit, to his glory, seeking his wisdom, his strength, and his touch. Your best with his transforming help.

Minister grace and love

There are many ways to do this, not only in practical care and kindness for those who need it, but through the way we respond in difficult and indeed ordinary situations. How do we engage with the check-out person, or the lonely shopper in the charity shop, or the new parent at the school gate or do an appraisal with the other person's long-term interests at heart, not just the company's?

Mould culture

Culture is 'the way we do things round here'. Although you may not be able to change the way your company or your gym or your parent's association does things by next Monday, you may well be able to begin with a few people and a few small actions. What things bother you – and what are the values that underpin them? What could be done differently that would make it a better place for people to flourish? What would make it more like god's will being done on earth as it is in heaven?

Be a **Mouthpiece** for truth and justice

There will be times when being a disciple means speaking up against things that are unfair, unhealthy, or untruthful, and speaking up for things that are true and just and good. It takes courage, wisdom and prayer.

Be a **Messenger** of the gospel

You may not get an opportunity every day, or even every month, but ask God who he might want you to pray for. Ask someone else to pray for you, to offer wisdom and hold you accountable. Be ready 'to give a reason for the hope that is in you' (1 Peter 3:15). Don't be driven by false guilt. Rest in God, trust his timing, build trust and relationships, care for people, and share what Jesus has done in your life and what he offers to everyone. Celebrate the steps you see people making towards Jesus.